

# Office Memorandum • UNITED GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Nichols *for*

DATE: August 28, 1956

FROM : M. A. Jones

SUBJECT: [REDACTED]

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH OF CHICAGO  
1900 SOUTH OAK PARK AVENUE  
BERWYN, ILLINOIS

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SA J. T. Murphy of the Crime Records Section today spoke with [REDACTED] who is vacationing in Washington. [REDACTED] said that earlier this summer he had written the Director concerning an anti-communist speech given in his church by [REDACTED] who is [REDACTED] of the Christian Anti-Communism Crusade.

In his letter [REDACTED] stated that [REDACTED] collected a considerable sum of money from his parishioners following his address, and he wanted to know of the legitimacy of the Christian Anti-Communism Crusade. Bufiles reflect that [REDACTED] letter to the Director was dated July 19, 1956, and the Director's reply of July 26, 1956, pointed out the confidential nature of the Bureau's files. A note on the Director's letter reflects that Bufiles contain no derogatory data concerning [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] conversation with SA Murphy reiterated the contents of his letter and once again he was advised of the confidential nature of Bufiles, and he said he readily understood our position. He is concerned about [REDACTED] and he said that he felt the thing for him to do was to write Senator Dirksen of Illinois for information.

## RECOMMENDATION:

None. For information only.

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Schenectady, New York

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Dear [redacted]

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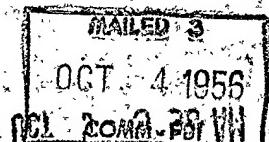
Your letter of September 26, 1956, with enclosure,  
120 has been received.

The interest which prompted you to write is  
sincerely appreciated, and I am grateful for your thoughtfulness  
in bringing your observations to my attention.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

NOTE: No record located in Bufiles re correspondent.



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Albion, N.Y.  
Sept 26, 1956

J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington D.C.

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Communist Infiltration into Religion

Dear Sir,

For the past eight years I have been active in  
studying our public school systems relative to very subtle  
characteristics which seemingly have non-American tinges.

The spider web connections of organizations of certain  
types of individuals with specific idealism and philosophy  
which I have to my satisfaction termed suspicious have  
never been proved to be unwarranted.

Having given much time and unlimited effort  
in this direction with considerable study I offer this as  
a reason to draw your attention to an article that I personally  
believe warrants a bit of consideration of your very qualified  
experts and present day activities do require expert investigation.

I therefore do not believe it will be a total waste of  
time to give a bit of attention to the matter mentioned in the  
inclosed article.

In your interest  
Sincerely T  
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Indicated on outgoing  
for Better Education

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## Convention of Unitarians Slated Oct. 5.

The sixth regional convention of the Unitarian Churches of the Middle Atlantic States will be held the weekend of Oct. 5 through 7 at Pocono Crest Hotels, Pocono Pines, Pa.

REV. WILLIAM Gold, minister at All Souls Church; and Dr. and Mrs. Louis Navias, will be official delegates from the local church.

Dr. Navias is chairman of the Middle Atlantic States Council of the denomination.

The conference theme is "The Position of Unitarians in the American Scene Today."

THE WOMEN'S Alliance of the Middle Atlantic States region will hold a conference at Pocono Pines Oct. 3 through 5 and the National Council of the Laymen's League will hold a meeting there at the same time as the general convention.

Members of the congregation of All Souls' Church wishing to attend may do so by making reservations at the church office before Oct. 1.

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November 27, 1956

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[Redacted]  
Hallock, Minnesota

Dear [Redacted]

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Your letter of November 19, 1956, has been received, and the interest which prompted your writing is sincerely appreciated.

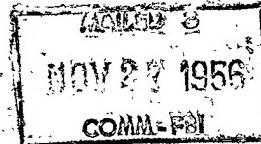
This is to advise that the FBI has never issued a statement that the United Council of Churches was infiltrated by communists. I would be very appreciative if you could advise me of the source of your information so that I might personally bring this inaccurate statement to the attention of the appropriate individuals.

Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

cc - Minneapolis, with copy of incoming

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TRUE COPY

[redacted]  
Hallock, Minnesota  
Nov. 19, 1956.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover.  
Director of Federal Bureau of Investigation.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr Hoover:

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On a recent radio news program of Nov 19th a statement was made by your department to the effect that communism was infiltrating into the United Council of Churches.

As [redacted] of the United Church Women's organization of Hallock, Minnesota I would appreciate confirmation of this statement.

Yours truly

/s/

[redacted]  
Hallock, Minn

None  
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      Typed copies 11-24-56

[redacted]  
Hallock, Minnesota

Nov. 19, 1956.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover.

Director of Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

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as [redacted] of the United Church Women's organization of Hallock, Minnesota I would appreciate confirmation of this statement. 100-40352-68

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Yours truly,

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[Redacted]  
Minnesota Church Women  
Hallock, Minnesota

Dear [Redacted]

November 28, 1956

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Your letter of November 19, 1956, has been received, and I want to thank you for the interest which prompted your writing.

This is to advise you that this Bureau has never made any statement to the effect that communism was infiltrating any specific church group. We have stated, however, that because the communists despise the Church, they continually attempt to infiltrate unsuspecting religious organizations. The FBI is strictly a fact-gathering agency and does not make evaluations or draw conclusions concerning any organization, individual or publication.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

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TRUE COPY

Hallock, Minnesota  
Nov. 19, 1956

Mr J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr Hoover

I heard that on a recent news broadcast a statement was made that the Council of Churches was infiltrated with communism. Kindly inform me if this statement came from your department and to what extent the communists are working in this organization.

I am [redacted] of the Minnesota United Church Women and would appreciate any information you can give to clarify this statement.

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Yours truly

[redacted]  
Minn Church Women.

Hallock Minn  
Nov. 19, 1956

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Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

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I am [redacted] of  
the Minnesota United Church  
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any information you can  
give to clarify this statement.

RECORDED BY [redacted]

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Yours truly [redacted]

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December 13, 1956

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[Redacted]  
Coeur d'Alene, Idaho

Dear [Redacted]

Your letter dated December 4, 1956, has been received and I appreciate your interest in communicating with me.

While I would like to be of assistance in connection with your inquiry, I must advise that in accordance with a Departmental regulation, data contained in the files of this Bureau is maintained as confidential and available for official use only. I am sure you will understand the necessity for this regulation and no inference will be drawn because of my inability to be of assistance that we do or do not have in our files the information you have requested.

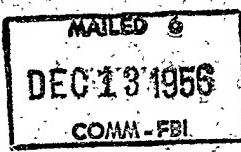
In the event you receive information you believe to be of interest to this Bureau, you may desire to communicate directly with the Special Agent in Charge of our Butte Office located at 400 Thornton Building, Butte, Montana.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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Coeur d'Alene, Idaho

NOTE SAC, BUTTE:

Bureau indices negative re correspondent.

Correspondent requests identities of Baptist schools in which communist sympathizers are at work, as well as identities of sympathizers affiliated with National Council of Churches. She refers to communism at work in various churches, particularly "American Baptist Convention," but letter contains no data whatever of specific nature.

December 4, 1956

To Whom It May Concern:

I have for some time been trying to gather some facts concerning Communism at work in the different churches, particularly the "American Baptist Convention", Also the "National Council of Churches." I know that there is some but where to place a finger, I do not know. I have a particular reference to the "Ford Foundation" grant of 9 million to this denomination for schools and etc. I know that the Ford Foundation has for sometime been under surveillance and also realize that at the American Baptist Convention this year they had, so called, Christians from that country (Soviet Union), as speakers, and realizing that our Ten Commandments and theirs, are so apposed that the two could not exist side by side, therefore; my concern has been that there must be some connection between the speakers and the grant made by the Ford Foundation.

Is it possible, for you to give out information of this kind? If so, could you give me the names of the different Baptist Schools in which there is Communistic Sympatizers at work, also names of the people concerned. I would also like the names of anyone that is in the National Council of Churches Headquarters, that is a Sympatizer.

"The Truth shall surely make you free," and I believe it is the only way in which we can know how to pray and live and work, in this country which is founded upon God, Freedom and Truth, and if I as an average American ~~do~~ knows what is going on, not only in my own home, but in the world, I can help prevent this truth.

I have the House Un-American Activity report on the Fund for the Republic Report, in which the Communism is revealed in the entertainment world. However, I am particularly interested in the above activities.

Thank You for any help you can give me,



Coeur d'Alene, Idaho

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December 21, 1956

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[redacted]  
Prescott, Washington

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Dear [redacted]

Your letter of December 12, 1956, has been received.

Although I would like to be of service, information in FBI files is confidential and available for official use only. I would like to point out also that this Bureau is strictly a fact-gathering agency and does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication or individual.

I know that you will understand the reasons for these rules and will not infer from my inability to be of assistance either that we do or that we do not have the information you desire.

Sincerely yours,

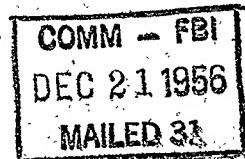
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

NOTE: On the basis of information available, correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles.

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Dear Sirs  
Communist Influence  
Info. Jt. Inv. Group  
Can you tell me if there is any  
communists backing behind the  
"independent" movement that is  
breaking up churches in the  
Disciples of Christ or Christian  
denomination.

I ask because it seems the  
same type of upheavals have been  
taking place in the local Presbyterian  
and Methodist Churches.

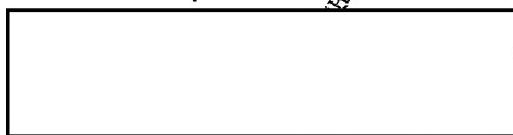
Thank you for any information you have available. 71

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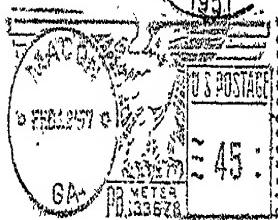
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Macon, Georgia

Mr. J. EDGAR HOOVER, DIRECTOR  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D.C.



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HEREIN IS UNCLASSIFIED  
DATE 3/10/02 BY SP/CS/AM

Mr. Tolson  
Mr. Nease  
Mr. Boardman  
Mr. Belmont  
Mr. Mohr  
Mr. Parsons  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Tamm  
Mr. Trotter  
Mr. Nease  
Tele. Room  
Mr. Holloman  
Miss Gandy

Macon, Georgia.  
February 9, 1957.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

This letter is written to you to tell of a situation which I hope will arouse your interest. I am turning with confidence to you for the solution of my problem.

Enclosed are reports of what happened to me. These are gangster or Communistic tactics. I make no accusations, but am puzzled that the F.B.I. in Macon, to whom I presented my report, said there was no evidence to justify an investigation.

It has recently occurred to me that Mr. Bowles feared I would take this up with the F.B.I. and approached them to form a contact of some kind to prevent any investigation. He can be very prepossessing and can use unscrupulous means to get what he wants.

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He had at that time a strong following here in First Church of Christ, Scientist, Macon, of which I am a member. His influence here has lessened some since then. At the time the events occurred, shown in the enclosed reports, a minority in the church defended him by saying we must not hurt him, even if true, since he is a teacher of Christian Science, authorized by The Christian Science Board of Directors in Boston, who direct the affairs of the Christian Science Church according to The Manual of The Mother Church written by Mary Baker Eddy the Founder and Leader of our church.

Mr. Bowles' home was originally in Chicago, Illinois. He values money highly and makes a big show of having it. His very pretty and more subtle wife upholds him in everything, and they are, as he expresses it, "a team". I do not know his Chicago history, but have been told it was not very savory, either in or out of the church. There are those who feel he is a Communist. I make no accusations, and would rejoice to see it disproven.

However I have long felt that Communists have long sought safety and hiding in the Protestant Churches of our country, as well as in Jewish Synagogues and the Roman Catholic Church. Which leads me to ask, has any investigation been made to see if any are hiding in the Christian Science Church? Normally no one would expect a Christian Scientist to be a Communist, but that is just the sort of front the Communists want.

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In any investigation you must know that he has many stooges, not only among his pupils, but others within and without the Christian Science Church. For instance: The Christian Science Committee <sup>on</sup> Publication in Boston is in

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charge of Committees on Publication throughout the world, each committee consisting of one member in each church and society in the world, and also many others in small communities not having a church or society. Mr. Bowles is very close to the Manager of Committees on Publication in Boston, [redacted] and has used that as a contact where he can get and give information. [redacted]

[redacted] is deep in Mr. Bowles' confidence. Whenever Mr. Bowles pulls one of his deals, (and he has pulled some stem-winders) he usually calls [redacted] [redacted] with a garbled account of what happened. Then when the facts are presented to [redacted] he backs up Mr. Bowles and his twisted account. I understand [redacted] and Mr. Bowles are close to [redacted] a member of the Christian Science Board of Directors in Boston. Mr. Bowles covets power and sought it by taking scurrilous and garbled reports to the Board. I believe the members of the Christian Science Board of Directors are clean, free of Communist influence, and true Christians.

Two or three years ago, Mr. Bowles went to Paris to see a Mrs. Getty, who has since passed on, Mrs. Getty was a Christian Science Teacher and a wonderful worker and Christian woman. She was recognized as such and wrote for the Christian Science periodicals which have world-wide circulation. She suffered much persecution during World War II, being held for quite a time in a Nazi concentration camp.

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A pupil of Mrs. Getty's came to Atlanta and joined Second Church of Christ, Scientist, there. He was supported by Mr. Bowles for First Reader and was elected. Our Sunday services are conducted by two readers, rather than by a minister as in Protestant churches. I enclose a marked copy of the Christian Science Sunday Lesson-Sermon to make this clear to you.

This pupil of Mrs. Getty's, after some time, broke his connection with Mr. Bowles and said he had some information about Mr. Bowles which he would give to the church when he finished his term as First Reader. He said he did not want to give it out while still reading, as he did not want the readership involved in it. Soon after this he passed on in a most distressing way of an illness.

No. 11 [redacted] 211 Franklin  
Those who believe Mr. Bowles is a Communist also believe he was sent from Chicago with a mission of destruction of the South as a section. Again I do not make any charges.

Mr. Bowles has resigned as Committee on Publication for Georgia, but has appointed a stooge, [redacted] as his successor. This means he still governs the position. My reason for saying [redacted] is his stooge is that on the same night I was being set upon in my backyard by the two men (see attached affidavit). [redacted] was on the other side of Macon trying to influence [redacted] our Second Reader here in Macon at the time. [redacted] and I were supposed to appoint the Committee on Publication

for Georgia. So you can see any inquiry taken up with [redacted] will be immediately relayed to Mr. Bowles.

The Christian Science Monitor, an international daily newspaper founded by [redacted] as she said was "to injure no man, but to bless all mankind", whose present editor, the brilliant and consecrated [redacted] is, I am sure, untouched by Communist infiltration.

I am so grateful for your work for the nation and the world. The man who said that if you were two inches taller you would qualify for President of the United States was wrong. I feel you don't need those two inches.

I am deeply interested in your recent public statement on the present crime wave and what you added about juvenile crime being the crux of it. Our Leader, Mary Baker Eddy, wrote in her book, Science and Health With Key to the Scriptures, based on The Bible, that Christians must hold crime in check.

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Your institution, your work, and the work you have trained your agents to do enables them to intelligently meet that need in the name of our Master, through the Christ activity.

Gratefully and with my prayers supporting your work, I am

Sincerely yours,

[redacted]

Events of Thursday [redacted] May 5, 1956.

I am Work Unit Conservationist for the Soil Conservation Service, Macon, Bibb County, Georgia. On this day I was scheduled to go to Perry, Georgia, 28 miles south of Macon, and the location of the Area Office of the S.C.S. My business there was to meet with [redacted]

and [redacted] to work out production goals for the calendar year, 1956.

At that time, [redacted] of the Provincial School of Agriculture in Matanzas, Cuba was assigned to my office for training. As I left the office, I cut off the gas heater in the office, as I did not expect to return to the office that day. [redacted] left together. As we went down the steps, I asked him if he was coming back to the office that day. He said that he was not, as he was scheduled to go through a large paper mill that morning, and had some personal business to attend to that afternoon. I told him then that I had asked the question so that if he had planned on going back to the office, I would go back and light the heater. He said he would not be there any more that day, so not to go back and light it.

Normally, after completing the conference with [redacted] I would have returned immediately to Macon. However, I had been called at the last minute to speak to a ladies garden club at the Porter-Ellis Community Center south of Macon that afternoon. So, I ate lunch in Perry, and went back by way of the farm of [redacted]. I had some business with him, and stayed there for quite a while. Then I went to the Porter-Ellis Community Center and spoke to the garden club meeting. When I finally reached Macon, it was past quitting time, so I did not go upstairs to the office.

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The next morning I found out what had happened the day before. When the mail had been delivered at 10:30 on that Thursday morning, [redacted] of the Bibb County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation, carried our mail to our office. His office adjoined mine in the suite. [redacted] said he opened the door to our office and it was full of gas. In fact, the gas heater was not lit but turned up full. He could hear it hissing. He cut it off and opened the windows. I consider this a deliberate attack upon me. I know I had cut [redacted] that heater off. [redacted] had not been back that day.

The [redacted] said she had come to work early one morning the week before and even though she unlocked the door, she heard someone in the rest room. It scared her so she locked herself in her office and did not open it until the rest of the office force came at 8:00 A.M. By then, whoever it was had slipped away.

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Copy of an affidavit. I have the affidavit in my files and is available for inspection.

I, [REDACTED] of [REDACTED] Macon, Georgia, do hereby declare that the following is a true account of certain events that took place on [REDACTED]

I had been serving as a juror on [REDACTED] in the case of [REDACTED] vs. [REDACTED] in the Superior Court of Bibb County, Judge A. M. Anderson of Perry, Georgia, presiding. The jury rendered its verdict about 5 P.M. Immediately after that, Judge Anderson requested that I see him in his office. He informed me that the three men I was to officiate a football game with that night were still waiting for me, and that he had called [REDACTED] a local attorney, to come carry me to the place they were waiting. [REDACTED] was then [REDACTED] of the Middle Georgia Football Officials Association. He carried me out to Raines store on Montpelier Avenue, where I got in the car of [REDACTED] at Mercer University here in Macon. With [REDACTED] were [REDACTED] of the City Recreation Department, and [REDACTED] who was associated with [REDACTED] in the City Recreation Department here in Macon. We travelled to Columbus, Georgia, where we worked a football game between Baker High School of Columbus, and R. E. Lee High School of Thomaston, Georgia.

[REDACTED] The game started at 8:00 P.M. and was over about 9:40. After eating supper, we came directly back to Macon.

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After leaving Columbus, and returning to Macon, we went to the gymnasium at Mercer University, where I got into the car with [REDACTED] and he carried me home. He let me out at my driveway, and turned around and went home. I walked up the driveway to the back steps. The light outside the back door was burning. I had just started up the steps when two well-dressed men came out from behind my car. To my knowledge, I had never seen either of them before. The taller of the two said, in substance, that they wanted to talk to me about the appointment of the Committee on Publication. I answered that the matter was still under consideration. Then the tall one said they wanted to talk to me about re-appointing Mr. Neil H. Bowles. I replied positively that I could never vote for Mr. Bowles. At this, the shorter of the two men, who had been standing on my right, grabbed my arms and held me, and the taller one slapped my face. He then said if I wanted to do well, and wanted my wife and children to stay well, I had better vote for Mr. Bowles, and that this was a sample of what I would get if I didn't. With that he slapped me again and hit me in the stomach with his fist. The man holding me threw me down and they left.

I hereby swear that the above is a true account of the attack on me during the night of [REDACTED]

Personally appeared before me this 28 day of March, 1956, the undersigned, who upon oath swears that the foregoing statement is a true and correct account of the incident related.

/s/ [REDACTED]

Sworn to and subscribed before me this  
28 day of March, 1956  
/s/ Claire L. Ryals (seal)  
Notary Public, Bibb County, Ga.  
My Commission Expires May 26, 1956

RECORDED-10-40-5-29-73

February 25, 1957

EX-132

Macon, Georgia

Dear [redacted]

Your letter postmarked February 12, 1957, with enclosures, has been received.

In response to your inquiry as to whether or not this Bureau has conducted an investigation to determine if there are communists within the Christian Science Church, I must advise you that the files of the FBI are confidential, and you should not infer that we do or do not have the particular information desired.

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The enclosures which relate to possible threats against the well-being of your family and you do not come within our jurisdiction, and I suggest that you furnish your local law enforcement agency with this information. I am returning under separate cover your enclosures, Christian Science Quarterly, Church Manual and Science and Health, and I assure you that the information you have furnished will be made a matter of record.

I appreciate your remarks concerning my administration of this Bureau, and I want to thank you for the interest prompting you to write.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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cc - Atlanta, with copy of incoming and enclosures

ATTENTION SAC: (See next page)

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ATTENTION SAC: While it appears [redacted] is involved in an internal conflict within his church, nevertheless, his two statements concerning possible threats to his life should be brought to the attention of the police department at Macon.

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NOTE: Bufiles contain no identifiable information with correspondent, and no record was located concerning the Neil Bowles who is mentioned in incoming.

March 5, 1957

Dear Mr. Hoover,

Can you spare me a few moments while I call your attention to a situation that is developing in this country that I don't approve.

To me it is ala Nazi Youth Organization and Fascism. Now to me a form of control and indoctrination contrary to our Constitution is subversive. No matter what the name or how ignorant the parties concerned it still leads to trouble. I am of the honest opinion these organizations know not what they do.

It is like trying to serve two masters with an entirely different objective in mind. These organizations are using American Youth to further their own ends. Their religions are taking over. These children are no longer taught that they are Americans with a religious faith but that they are Catholic or Jew living in America and they owe their allegiance to their religion.

I am of the opinion that if these two religious groups continue along the paths they have chosen it will only lead to ruin of our American form of government. I know we have religious freedom in this country but I don't think it should be understood that they can just take over. Isn't there some limitations on what they can do?

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100-46959-74

April 2, 1957

[Redacted]  
Jacksonville, Florida

Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of March 26, 1957, was received during  
Mr. Hoover's absence from the city.

For your information, data in the files of the FBI is  
confidential and available for official use only. I know you will  
understand the reason for this rule and will not infer from our  
inability to be of assistance either that we do or that we do not have  
the information you requested.

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Sincerely yours,

Helen W. Gandy  
Secretary

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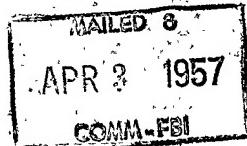
NOTE: Bufile 105-46959-9 reflects that [Redacted] was head  
of the Womens Division of the Duval County Unit #1 of the Citizens Council  
in July, 1956. This group's primary interest pertains to opposition to  
integration.

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TRUE COPY

Jacksonville, Fla.  
March 26, 1957

Dear Mr Hover:

Please send me copies of the clergy who have  
un-American Activities Counts against them.

Respt.

/s/



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Jacksonville, Fla. <sup>33</sup>  
March 26, 1957

Dear Mr. Hoover: <sup>During my Trip in</sup>  
Please send me copies of the  
clergy who have Un-American  
activities counts against them.

Rept:



Jan. 7th.

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : The Director

DATE: 9/1/55

FROM : J. P. Mohr

SUBJECT: The Congressional Record

Original filed in:  
6-1111-1

Communist Infiltration into  
CH. 11/10/55

Pages A1844- Congressman Bentley, (R) Michigan, extended his remarks to include  
A1847 an article entitled "The Ghost of Judas Walks in Hungary." The  
article deals with the visit to this country of certain pro-Communist  
clergy from Czechoslovakia and Hungary about 3 years ago. The  
reference to Mr. Hoover, contained in this article, was set forth in  
a memorandum written earlier this date.

In the original of a memorandum captioned and dated as above, the Congressional  
Record for [REDACTED] was reviewed and pertinent items were  
marked for the Director's attention. This form has been prepared in order that  
portions of a copy of the original memorandum may be clipped, mounted, and  
placed in appropriate Bureau case or subject matter files.

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EX 105

April 8, 1957

Mrs. Otis K. Wittrup  
912 West Main Street  
Harlan, Iowa

Dear Mrs. Wittrup:

Your letter dated April 2, 1957, with enclosure, has been received and the interest prompting your communication is appreciated.

In the event you acquire specific information which you believe to be of interest to this Bureau, you may desire to communicate directly with the Special Agent in Charge of our Omaha Office located at 1010 Federal Office Building, Omaha 2, Nebraska.

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Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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any pertinent derogatory data.

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*[Signature]*

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Mrs. Otis K. Wittrup

Correspondent's letter is semirambling and relates to an internal situation within the Bethel Baptist Church of Harlan, Iowa. She wonders if it could be "communism working in four midst." The enclosure to her letter is classified by her as a copy of a letter sent to her by the church. The enclosure indicates some disciplinary action has been taken against her and she is being denied certain church rights and privileges.

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[Redacted]  
Harlan, Iowa

Communist Infiltration Into  
Our Religion

Harlan, Iowa

Apr 2 1957

J. Edgar Hoover

Director of the Federal Bureau of  
Investigation.

U.S. Dept. of Justice

Washington 25, D.C.

Mr. Hoover.

Am writing to you in regard to a  
situation in our Baptist church  
here, which to me has come to the  
place where I wonder if it could  
be Communism working in our  
midst. <sup>EX 105</sup> ~~RECORDED~~ 51

It has been growing steadily worse  
<sup>ENCLOSURE</sup> ~~for~~ the last three years.

If one tactic don't work something  
more radical is done until its  
almost unbelievable that such  
as Mr. Otis K. Wetherup - Omaha -

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things are allowed in America.  
 A minister was brought in  
 about 3 years ago, who started  
 & promoted this thing and was  
 able to get a bunch of followers.  
 This group of followers have  
 taken over this church, using  
 every possible method, illegal or not,  
 to put people out of the church  
 they have belonged to, for 40, 50, 60,  
 & 70 years, just because they  
 won't co-operate with every idea.  
 They put me out of my church  
 because, "To me right is right"  
 I revealed a truth to some of the  
 leaders, which they refused to accept,  
 and the result was, a group came  
 to my house & threatened this  
 action unless I denied the truth.

and without proving me guilty  
of any wrong, was voted out by  
a mob-vote.

By giving the church a one day  
notice of a church business  
meeting they were able to vote  
us out of our Conference and  
Convention church, which were  
the organizations that started  
this church.

This first minister has left and  
now we have an interim pastor  
since last Sept 1<sup>st</sup> which the  
church never elected & we also  
have 4 deacons serving the  
church which ~~were~~ <sup>are</sup> not elected.  
Two of the deacons have been  
voted down 3 times & the other  
2 have been voted down 3 times,

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but because they want their way they continue to appoint these men to office, to be the authority.

Secret meetings are one of their tactics.

Business meetings without legal announcements and under-handed things are being done continually.

So many things that have been done, are so much like articles.

I read about communism, that I'm beginning to be afraid, and was wondering if this was a common situation or one that should be watched.

Their small majority is slowly dwindling, but that only makes

them more desperate.

They say who may vote at the business meetings, and who may not.

They walk down the aisle with their ballots and just hand them to the ones that they have decided can vote, regardless of how many years these folks have been active members. If one don't or can't attend 9 services out of a quarter you don't get to vote.

This problem may not be serious enough to be of any interest to you, but I've been concerned about it for so long and felt it my duty to make it known to you. Thank you

Mrs Otis K. Wittcup,  
912 W. Main St.  
Harlan, Iowa.

A copy of the letter sent to  
me from my church.

Mrs Oles K Wittry

912 W Main St

Harlan, Iowa

Dear Mrs Wittry

The Bethel Baptist church of  
Harlan, in a special business  
meeting of Apr. 30, 1956 passed  
the following resolution:

"That the person against whom  
actions have been brought will  
be put on probation for a period  
of six months during which time  
they will have no voting privileges  
or privileges of partaking of  
communion.

If by the end of the probation  
period they show no sincere  
repentance, including public  
confession before the church,

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confessing their rebellion against  
God's appointed leader in this church,  
and confessing to [redacted]

and cooperating with the majority,  
they will be automatically dropped  
from membership.

You were one of the individuals  
to whom this action applied.

In view of the fact that you  
have made no move to comply with  
the wishes of the church as  
expressed in the above resolution,  
your name has been dropped from  
the membership of the church.

The door of repentance and  
reconciliation remains open.

Should you desire to meet with  
the Board of Deacons and the Pastor,  
your expression of that fact

would be appreciated.

May the Lord deliver us all from malice and grudge-bearing and bring about for all of us a restoration to spirituality and a Christ-centered, Bible-centered church with the principles of Ephesians 4:30-32 prevailing in our midst.

Regretfully and sincerely yours



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I've ~~never~~<sup>never</sup> talked to this   
he has ~~never~~<sup>never</sup> been in our home, or  
I've ~~never~~<sup>never</sup> been in his & yet I'm  
to confess to him.

# Missionary Crusader

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Kenny Joseph

% J. E. O. M.

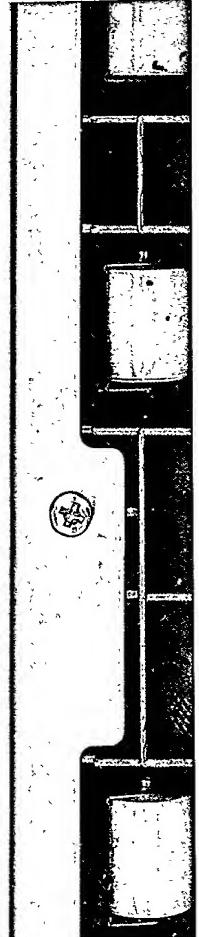
992, 4-Chome, Shimotakaido,  
Suginami-ku, Tokyo, Japan.

Editor's Note: Brother Kenny tells us that he wants cancelled two and three cent stamps as well as all other kinds. If each of us will help just a little bit in this way, the total of what all Crusader readers do will amount to a great deal. I have checked with the post office and find that you can send stamps to Japan by first class mail (sealed envelope) for eight cents the first ounce and four cents for each additional ounce, or if you wish to send them in an envelope that is not sealed but that is closed with a good clasp, you can mark the envelope "Printed Matter" and send them for two cents for the first ounce and a cent and a half each additional ounce. Save your stamps and send them to Brother Kenny once a month!



G. M. Jeffries

We want the readers of THE MISSIONARY CRUSADER to get acquainted with Mr. G. M. "Jeff" Jeffries. We would like for you to



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July 22, 1957

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Haverhill, Massachusetts

Dear [redacted]

Your letter of July 16, 1957, with enclosures, has been received, and I appreciate your interest in communicating with this Bureau.

Although I would like to be of service, the matter you mentioned does not constitute a violation within the jurisdiction of the FBI, and I am returning the two dollars you enclosed.

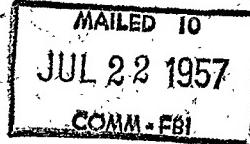
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Sincerely yours,

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John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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NOTE: Bufiles failed to reflect identifiable correspondence or reference to [redacted] Stamped, self-addressed envelope sent in by correspondent being utilized in reply.

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Haverhill, Mass.  
July 16, 1957

F.B.I. Agents  
Washington, D.C.

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I have your more complete address somewhere, but as you are well known believe this will reach you O.K.

EW In this clipping taken from ~~Enclosed~~ <sup>ENCLOSURE</sup> missionary publication I am ~~now~~ <sup>now</sup> wondering if missionaries are being tricked by communists. The thought that came to me as I read about cancelled stamps being taken from letters & sent in

July 16, 1957  
FBI

quantity form to address given on  
clipping, and then sold to some  
one so as to obtain money to  
print tracts), I asked myself the  
question, "How could any one  
afford to pay for cancelled  
stamps enough to enable mis-  
sionaries to print at least two  
tracts for every stamp sold?" I  
wondered if communists bought  
them in bulk & had a way of  
obliterating the cancellation  
mark and then they use them  
in sending out their own litera-  
ture with no profit to the govern-  
ment. The thing looks queer to

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me but I may be all wrong. I expect they could get them for stamp collectors). If everything is O.K. I certainly desire to do all I can to collect and send cancelled stamps for the printing of tracts as am whole heartedly for it.

The F. B. I. have my sympathy in the multitude of problems continually arising & so little co-operation.

The communists are such tricky devils they can make many believe black is white etc. Most of us are deceived in part at least.

I have no confidence at all

in all these drives to help different diseases), as they give address to local postmaster and a postmaster has no right to say where he is forwarding funds, so it could go right into communists' hands and no one be the wiser.

Enclosed is \$2.- for the cause if this is permissible. If it is all right for me to send stamps to the printed address until the further information is learned just briefly state and return envelope.

Thanks kinder

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EX 105

August 14, 1957

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[Redacted]  
Edgewater Park, New Jersey

Dear [Redacted]

Your letter of August 6, 1957, has been received, and I appreciate your interest in communicating with me in this regard. While I would like to be able to answer your specific questions, I am precluded from doing so by the confidential nature of data in our files.

Along the lines of your inquiry, I would like to mention in general, however, that it is the continuing strategy of the communists to get others to front for them. As an illustration, I might refer you to the petition circulated about Christmas time, 1955, requesting Presidential amnesty for the Communist Party leaders convicted under the Smith Act for conspiring to teach and advocate the overthrow of the Government by force and violence. Not only did the 42 signers of this petition ask the Government to release a group of communists conspirators from prison to observe a Christian holiday which they would destroy, but they asked that the sentences of these criminal atheists be commuted to the time already served. Even more shocking is the fact that half of the signers of the petition were clergymen, professors of theology, or persons who were engaged in other religious positions.

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This is not an isolated example. Also during 1955, a legal brief was filed with the United States Supreme Court urging that the Internal Security Act of 1950 be declared unconstitutional. This legal brief had been initiated by 18 persons. Nine of these persons were members of the clergy. Of the 360 persons who signed the brief, some 100 were clergymen.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

John Edgar Hoover

Director

NOTE: No record in Bufiles identifiable with the correspondent. Material re use of clergymen for communist petition taken from page 4 of reprint of Director's address entitled "The Twin Enemies of Freedom."

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COMMUNIST INFILTRATION INTO RELIGION

[REDACTED]  
Edgewater Park, N.J.

August 6, 1957

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D.C.

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Dear Mr. Hoover:

I seem to remember a few years ago hearing a radio newscast in which it was said that the Communists had changed their tactics in their efforts to discredit the Church, and that instead of openly opposing it they were now attempting to join with it, infiltrate and use it as a vehicle for their own propaganda and purposes.

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I would greatly appreciate it if you could give me any information available on this, --such as to what extent it is true, how effective to date, what denominations and especially what seminaries seem to be most infected, etc. I would also appreciate any advice you may have concerning the most effective way in which this menace might be combated.

I am an Episcopal clergyman, and have for the past ten years been a teacher at the Protestant Episcopal seminary, The Divinity School in Philadelphia.

I thank you, and I am

Sincerely yours,

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...Presenting to America...

# THE TEN COMMANDMENTS ON THE HIGHWAYS

To confront our nation with the basic Law of God and our need for Jesus Christ our Savior

Ps. 1:1-2 "Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful."

"But his delight is in the Law of the Lord; and in his Law doth he meditate day and night."

How can a person meditate on something he does not know?

An Aurora, Illinois judge had seven teen-age offenders from Aurora East High School up before him recently. He found that five of the seven did not know what the Ten Commandments were.

He sentenced them to memorize the Commandments. We cannot blame an untaught generation.

Trumpetsound Gospel Signs  
Box 565, Thief River Falls, Minn.



Imagine a man driving down the highway with a woman he has no right to be with when they pass a sign reading "Thou shalt not commit adultery! — Husbands love your wives — Christ died for our sins. 1 Cor. 15:3"

The new Trumpetsound Commandment sign commands the attention and compels men to memorize the Word of God. It exposes sin and proclaims the answer to man's dilemma — Jesus Christ.

Trumpetsound Institute places a beautiful four by twelve foot Commandment sign in your community when fourteen persons indicate their desire to give just one dollar each month for one year. That is less than 3-1/2¢ per day.

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After 18 months, it is at the discretion of the Trumpetsound Institute whether the sign remains longer or is taken down. At that time another completely new sign is available if sponsor wishes to renew his sponsorship for another period of twelve months.

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Each sign bears one Commandment and a statement of the Gospel. It is at the direction of the Trumpetsound office and pastoral advisors in your area which Commandment shall be placed. Trumpet-

sound signs are made of the very best sign materials. The signs are built of wood and 1/4" masonite, colorfully painted with best sign enamels. The bottom line, "Christ Died for Our Sins" is painted in Scotchlite for night reflection.

This is only a survey. Give no money to anyone. Just indicate your desire to have a part in giving after the sign is up and you are notified by the Trumpetsound office. You will receive a little remittance envelope once each month. In case of adversity, notify the Trumpetsound office and you will be promptly relieved of any obligation.

Sign up on the accompanying survey sheet. Thank you, in the name of the Savior. Please pray for this project and tell others about it.

**"Thou hast given us a BANNER to them that fear Thee, that it may be DISPLAYED because of the truth"**

Psalm 60:4.

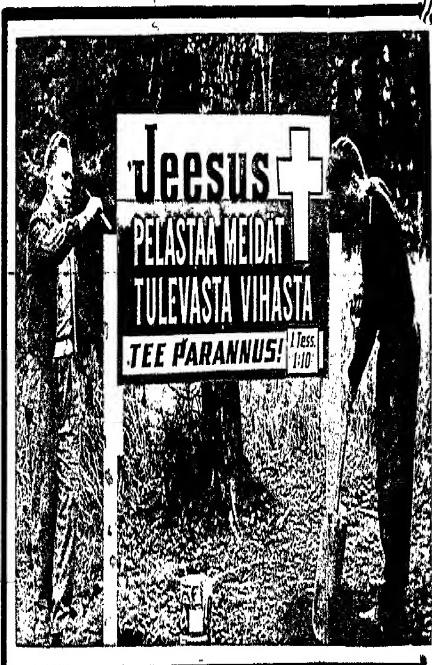
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## "THE EARTH SHALL BE FILLED

WITH KNOWLEDGE OF THE GLORY OF THE LORD"

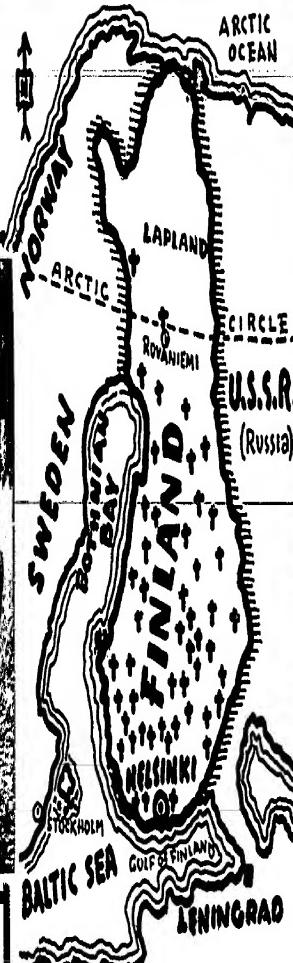
HAB. 2:14



"JESUS . . . SAVES US FROM THE WRATH TO COME. REPENT! (1 Thess. 1:10)." That is the translation of the sign shown above. Trumpetsound signs are colorful and made of the very best materials. They are "up to date" in message content. Can you think of a better sign for the world in its present state, and especially for Europe today? Two hundred contributors in America made this Finland project possible. Thanks be to God!

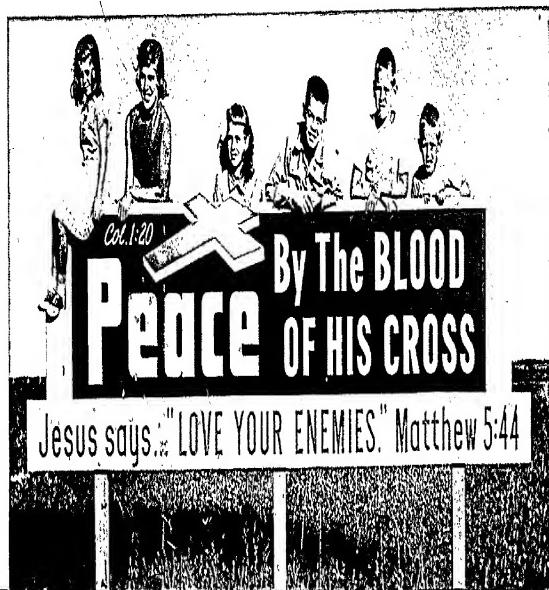
All proven visual aids to reach mankind for God are good and certainly to be used, but did you know that the Scripture signs method is the only one commanded by the Bible? (Hab. 2:2). The very first Word of God sign in the Bible is found in Daniel 5:5: "THE FINGERS OF A MAN'S HAND" WROTE UPON THE WALL. A four word message shook the whole nation in judgment.

In a day when the world looks for escape from chaos by man-made schemes that ignore Jesus on the Cross, we must again proclaim that true Peace with God has as its only basis the Cross of the Savior. The hope of the world is singular—the Blood of Christ. At the right is the Trumpetsound second eighteen-months' sign. It is twelve feet long and stands a little over six feet high.



CROSSES INDICATE PLACEMENT OF SIGNS FROM ABOVE THE ARCTIC CIRCLE DOWN TO THE RUSSIAN BORDER.

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"The Lord... said,

**WRITE THE VISION, and MAKE IT PLAIN UPON TABLES**" Hab. 2:2

(Above) EVANGELIST RAY MARTIN speaking to 7,000 persons in Helsinki, Finland. The bottom picture shows a part of the crowd of 5,000 youth in the large Helsinki auditorium. Mr. Martin recently returned from Finland. He preached under the auspices of the People's Bible Society. Many meetings were held in large Lutheran State Churches.

SO I WROTE THE VISION, making it bold and plain on colorful eye-arresting highway signs that "they that run may see." Our very first Scripture sign was chopped into thousands of splinters by a God hater, Disheartening indeed, but God had commanded and God sustained.

Today, the Trumpetsound Gospel Sign staff at Thief River Falls, Minnesota, along with the prayerful support of hundreds of Christians, is reaching over 3,000,000 persons every twenty-four hours—persons who rush to and fro on our busy highways—with such messages as "AMERICA! REPENT OR PERISH (Luke 13:3) Christ Died for Our Sins," and "PEACE BY THE BLOOD OF HIS CROSS. (Col. 1:20)" and others.

How are you going to reach the seventy-five per cent of our American people who will not be in church next Sunday, or those who go to churches where the great doctrines of the Christian Faith are rationalized or not mentioned? On the highways the ungodly are compelled to memorize the Word of God whether

they want to or not. Many have been saved and blessed through this sign ministry.

Trumpetsound Signs also now stand in the only accessible free soil close to Soviet Russia in northern Europe. I returned recently from a thrilling trip to Finland. I was privileged to speak to many thousands of persons in meetings up and down the land, but much more important than that is the blessed reality that the fifty signs which we built and left there will witness to tens of thousands continuously. These timely signs from the Russian border to about one hundred miles above the Arctic Circle bear the message in the Finnish language from their translation, "JESUS SAVES US FROM THE WRATH TO COME. (1 Thess. 1:10) REPENT." Please read this folder thoughtfully and with a prayer on your heart for this work which God raised up for these days.

Yours for an evangelized world,  
Raymond B. Martin, Pres., Trumpetsound Gospel Signs  
Box 565, Thief River Falls, Minnesota

When Jesus saw the multitudes,  
"HE WAS MOVED WITH COMPASSION ON THEM..." MATT. 9:36

October 8, 1957

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Trumpetsound Gospel Signs  
Box 565  
Thief River Falls, Minnesota

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Dear [redacted]

Your letter dated October 1, 1957, with its enclosure, has been received, and your kind comments concerning your visit to our headquarters are deeply appreciated.

It was most thoughtful of you to afford me the benefit of your views concerning the matter discussed in your letter. I am enclosing some material which may be of some help to you.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

Enclosures (5)

1 - Minneapolis (enclosure)

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Enclosed is a copy of the letter received from correspondent. Enclosure to his letter was a pamphlet advertising Trumpetsound Institute.

This is for your information only.

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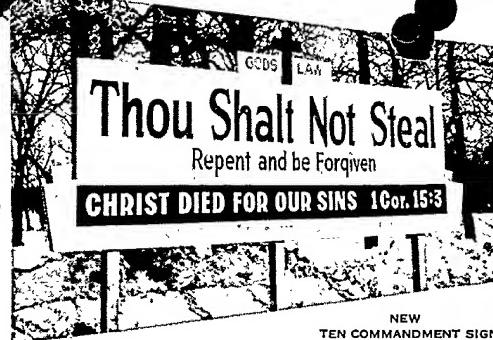
NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent in January, 1956, requested films on crime and juvenile delinquency to be used in churches. (62-26625) In letter he advises he intends to return to Finland under auspices of Peoples' Bible Society for Lutheran church. Before going, he wants to make study of communist infiltration and propaganda in our churches. He said a [redacted] was at the recent

World Youth Festival in Moscow. [redacted] is an Episcopalian minister from New Hampshire and has been serving in London for several years. He was deleted from the Security Index in May, 1955. He attended the World Youth Festival in Moscow and reportedly continued on to Red China. Boston is presently investigating. (100-375264) [redacted] also states a

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[redacted] New Jersey, was in Minneapolis at time of Lutheran World Federation meetings [redacted] opposed the idea that the Federation could have in its ranks of leadership men from behind the Iron Curtain who had compromised their firm Christian testimony. [redacted] tried to get an ad in the "Minneapolis Star-Tribune" exposing tactics that Reds are using to infiltrate churches and was rejected. [redacted] felt [redacted] should be heard whether right or wrong. [redacted] requested material on above subject. Bufiles reflect cordial correspondence with [redacted] who is [redacted] of the Bible Presbyterian Church, Collingswood, New Jersey. (94-37990) Enclosures to [redacted] are "God or Chaos?", "How Communists Operate," "Communist Virus," "Communism in the U.S.A.," and "How to Fight Communism." Letter addressed to Trumpetsound Gospel Signs as [redacted] uses this when he signs his name. Address was taken from enclosure to his letter.



# TRUMPETSOUND INSTITUTE

"THE BIBLE SCHOOL OF THE HIGHWAY"

BOX 565 • THIEF RIVER FALLS, MINNESOTA



October 1, 1957

Director J. Edgar Hoover  
The Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

First, I want to say a belated "thank you" for information which you sent me in a prompt and personal reply, when, about two years ago I wrote asking for film materials, etc. on crime which we could use in churches showing to youth groups.

In 1955 and again in the summer of 1956 I had the privilege of going to Finland under the auspices of the Peoples' Bible Society. We began our Scripture sign work there and at the same time I served as a lecturer and speaker in many of the State Lutheran Churches in that fine little nation which stood so firmly against the Russian Bear armies in World War II.

I am hoping to go back there for perhaps a year and continue this work in Finland and also in Sweden, God willing. We (our family) plan to leave in the spring of 1958.

Before I go, I would like to make a thorough study of the extent of Communist infiltration and propaganda in our churches. I have found that this is a very touchy subject and that even the very mention of such a possibility of subversion of our churches raises a storm of protest from leaders of our churches, even our own Lutheran circles. I happen to be with the Augustana Lutheran Church and worked with the recent Lutheran World Federation meeting in Minneapolis. Our organization built the large display for the large youth meeting at which about twenty-five thousand attended. So with our connections abroad and also within the leadership of our own church we are able to sense that all is not well. It leaves me in a state of apprehension. I would like to get down to the bottom of it all if possible.

[redacted] of the Augustana Lutheran Church was in charge of the huge youth meeting of the Lutheran World Federation. He did a remarkable job and capably, through his leadership, portrayed Christ as the pearl of great price to those many youth present. I have worked with him for years, first full time at the Synod headquarters and now part-time at various youth meetings as our highway sign work takes full time.

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However, on the other hand, at other meetings at the conclave there seemed to be a spirit that we must not oppose Russia or its system--that communism is tolerant of the freedoms of the Christian Church. This thought seems to prevail in a number of church periodicals and also in various Sunday-school materials. In a recent issue, for instance, of "Association Men" organ of the Council of YMCA's, India and Ceylon (July 1957 issue), of which I am sure you are familiar, it seems that they are bent on proving that freedom of religion in China and Russia is guaranteed by the constitution and is a very real thing.

The opinions of certain leading wide-awake churchmen in Finland are entirely

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different. Some of them believe that we do not have our eyes open or are willfully ignoring what we do see in a subtle infiltration of many of our churches.

In 1955 I was on a boat on the North Sea with about 500 teenagers going to the Warsaw Communist Youth Festival. They came from all over northern Europe, including some YMCA young people and a few from the U.S. Many of them were going with the consent and blessing of their pastors. At the recent Moscow festival a [redacted] apologist, reportedly, for the Soviet Union was the leader for forty youth including students from the conservative-evangelical Wheaton College of Wheaton, Illinois. 1955  
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Herbert Philbrick wrote concerning the [redacted] in the August 18 New York Herald Tribune. [redacted]  
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A Pastor from Collingswood, New Jersey, [redacted] came to Minneapolis at the time of the Lutheran Federation meetings and held some patriotic meetings at the Lyceum Theatre. He opposed the idea that the Federation could have in its ranks of leadership men from behind the Iron Curtain who, as he felt, had compromised their firm Christian testimony. He affirmed that the well known Bishop Ordass of Hungary, one of the main speakers at the Federation, also was in control of a newspaper in Hungary that espoused the communist cause. [redacted]

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The thing that amazed me was the way that this [redacted] was hissed and booed at, even by theological students who affirmed that the Chinese were better off under Red domination than they were under Chiang Kai-shek. I had a talk with [redacted] and found that he had tried to get a full-page ad in the Minneapolis Star-Tribune and was rejected. This was to be a exposé of the tactics that the Reds are using to infiltrate the churches. Evidently, pressure was put on the newspaper for they first accepted the paid advertisement and then at the last minute they rejected it.

It seems to me that when a man such as [redacted] makes such charges against the policy of an organization as large as the ~~Lutheran World Federation~~; and since these policies could affect the thinking of such a huge bloc of our American people on this scourge of the world that is upon us, why could the article not be printed and then refuted in hot debate or discussion which should be the privilege of free people? If [redacted] is wrong, then let him be proven to be an heretic but by the Church standing upon the judgment of the Word of God, our only true and absolute Constitution. If he is right, then we most certainly should have heard him. If he was partly right and partly wrong, he still should have been heard. The least good he would have done would be to stimulate thinking-individual thinking - in a day when we are taught all to march alike and think alike. Old Dr. Luther said one time that he sometimes used the truth roughly because it stimulated discussion and out of discussion came greater truth.

Undoubtedly, you have some material on this subject, and perhaps some advice on sources of good unbiased and well documented printed matter available. I would so much appreciate getting them as soon as possible.

Confidentially yours,

[redacted]  
TRUMPETSOUND GOSPEL SIGNS

P.S. Last spring while attending the National Ass'n. of Religious Broadcasters in Washington, we had the pleasure of going through your headquarters. At the firing range [redacted] asked for and got the shot up paper dummy. Was she thrilled! Her class learned all about the FBI when she got back.

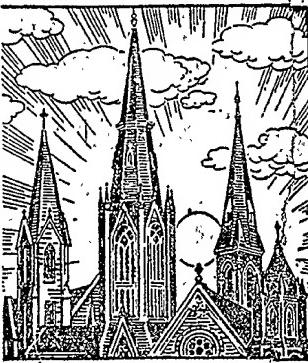
## SPIRES OF THE SPIRIT

## Wolves and Sheep

By DR. FREDERICK BROWN HARRIS  
Chaplain of the United States Senate

Weekly throngs pass through church portals to water the delicate plant called reverence and to acknowledge their allegiance to the Christ of whom they sing, "All hail the power of Jesus' name." Many decades ago a famous French philosopher crossed the Atlantic and sought an answer to the question "Wherein lies the greatness and genius of the young republic?" He surveyed her vast and varied expanse of territory, her industry and commerce, her matchless constitution, and her democratic Congress. In none of these factors did he find the answer. Then comes this stirring verdict, "Not until I went into the churches of America and heard her pulpits flame with righteousness did I understand her genius and power." Still, in this 20th century, the greatness of America is in her churches and temples, erected on her ancient spiritual foundation.

That being true, it is of course to be expected that the foul system whose main aggressive objective is to sabotage the United States of America, which is the chief obstacle to her sinister plottings for world domination, would not in its global strategy overlook the churches. The Soviets are shrewd enough to attempt to use the mighty force of organized religion in America as a potent ally in its spurious peace proposals. And with sorrow it must be acknowledged that in many cases the plan is succeeding. From their regimented regime where is denied to their millions the truth about the rest of the world, the Soviets are shipping vast consignments of the livery of heaven with which to serve, under the Stars and Stripes, the devil of tyranny. Who wears it? Often unknowingly, church leaders—those who plead that we trust the untrustworthy foe, that we literally turn the other cheek to highway-



men who would stab the heart with a dagger, who, in perilous times, advocate adjustments and compromises which lead straight to ultimate surrender. Often misled individuals with the best of intentions quote misinterpreted slogans from the New Testament. They need to be reminded of a ringing warning from the Master of men whom the Kremlin conspirators scorn and deride. It ought to be inscribed for this day in letters of fire over the pulpits from which some of these deceived prophets speak and over the church councils in which they sit. It is a word to be read, and pondered by all church leaders who are allowing themselves to be the mouthpieces for those in favor of lowering the American shield of defense. Would that all such would really listen to One whose name they bear as He says solemnly, "You are as sheep in the midst of wolves—be ye therefore wise as serpents and harmless as doves." The super-salesmen for the Marxist fallacies are seeing to it that the admonition to be harmless as doves is duly emphasized. However, camouflaged Soviet peace doves are far from harmless. The advice about being as wise as serpents in a world where the fashionable clothing for wolves is imported sheepskin is largely ignored. More

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God of truth raise up for this day of destiny church leaders who know not only theology, but also something of biology—enough to recognize the subtle and cunning ways of marauding bears and who are not deceived by white sheepskins pulled over the fur of black and ravenous wolves.

As I muse this winter day with my study windows framing the growing Washington Cathedral, symbol of the Church Militant, before me is the statement of a religious leader occupying a conspicuous post in co-operative Christianity, assuming to speak for many denominations in this hour when our very national survival is at stake, with time lost which only haste and sacrifice can retrieve. He issues his proclamation when America must go from strength to strength and speak from strength if any negotiations are to be anything less for us than a tragic mocking Waterloo. This "leader" dares to say, "The church is charged with the responsibility of awakening public opinion to the utter folly and futility of spending billions of dollars on a system of defense that never in this world can defend us." From such a source that sort of talk is indeed a big boost to the dedicated men on Capitol Hill who, under fearful tension, are determined to defend all that America means by both spiritual and material might. This preacher who claims to speak for organized Protestantism adds, "The gospel of Jesus Christ knows nothing of retaliation." Well, then, the policemen on the nearby corner and everywhere else, ready to give their lives to retaliate against hoodlums—those soldiers of the peace who guard our homes and dear ones from the aggression of thugs and robbers—had better be called off. Their role is irreligious. Let the gangsters have their way. What a travesty of the Christian religion! Here in my hands is a publication edited by religious leaders in America, but its unsuspected sheepskin carries a line which the morally bankrupt masters of the Kremlin would not care to range in any particulars.

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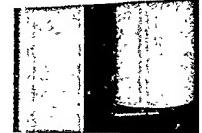
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It quotes, approvingly, the boss of the Moscow den of thieves as he says, in effect, "now that we have a predominance of deadly arms so that we can enforce our desires and designs on the rest of the world, if you in so-called free nations go on arming and joining together to defend your liberties it can only lead to a new and bloody war." This article then goes on to speak with obsequious respect of the "Soviet peace offensive." After that, how refreshing to read, in an English paper which speaks for the people called "Methodist" in that valiant land, "The Western nations have sought to come to terms with Russia on this very matter of atomic missiles and have been rebuffed because Russia refuses to accept the one condition that would make agreement a reality. Until Russia is ready to do this its protestations about bad faith are nothing but the rankest hypocrisy." Then, a real church leader in England says what a great many church leaders in America, we are grateful to record, are also saying, "All the most recent propaganda including the showers of fletters has, under a very flimsy facade of reason and sincerity, had one outstanding purpose—to put the Western nations in the wrong, and to set forth Russia as the kindly and peaceable though misunderstood victim of evil rulers of other countries. But when we remember—and they must not be forgotten—Hungary and Poland, the Latvian countries and Bulgaria the assumption by Russia of the role of the injured innocent induces an almost catastrophic feeling of nausea." In the light of that realistic diagnosis let us read again with even greater emphasis the New Testament lesson for today—the words of Jesus of Nazareth who raised His voice against crying peace, peace when there is no peace. "Remember you are as sheep in the midst of wolves. Be ye therefore as harmless as doves but as wise as serpents."

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[Redacted]  
Terrell, Texas

Dear [Redacted]

Your letter dated March 14, 1958, with enclosures, has been received.

The interest which prompted you to write is sincerely appreciated, and I am grateful for your thoughtfulness in bringing this matter to my attention.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

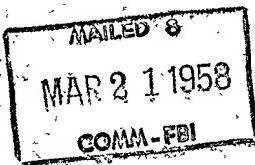
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NOTE: Bufiles contain no reference identifiable with [Redacted] Enclosures purport to be excerpts from publications regarding the Methodist Church and relate to matters of state such as school construction, public housing, etc. and are of no interest to this Bureau. It is believed inadvisable to comment on the contents of these enclosures.

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Communist Infiltration Into Religion

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
The Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

[redacted]  
Terrell, Texas  
March 14, 1958

Dear Sir:

I have something of a problem with which I could use some advice. I address this to you personally in view of your interest in these things personally as well as professionally and trust that it is not an imposition upon you.

Walter G. Muelder Ohio

There are enclosures as follows: (1) Excerpts from the book In Every Place a Voice, by Walter Muelder. This book was obtained by my wife through her membership in our churches WCS which is currently using it in a study; it is sponsored by the Woman's Division of Christian Service, The Methodist Church. (2) Excerpts from the article, "Communists, U.S.A., Demand" by Wak Alfred Kohlberg, which appeared in the 3-6-58 issue of the Dallas Morning News. (3) Excerpts from The Methodist Woman, issue of March, 1958, magazine of the Woman's Society of the Methodist Church.

The excerpts from the newspaper article are word for word as they appeared, except where a series of dots indicates I have omitted non-pertinent information. The other two enclosures are complete passages with no omissions or deletions within the body of the passage quoted and no editing except for the natural omission of those portions immediately preceding and following the quoted passage. I believe that it could not be said that anything contained therein was taken out of context. I have attempted to show enough of the passage to give a clear picture of what is being said as well as chapter and section titles and numbers to show as well as possible how much has been omitted from the original as well as the sequence of the material.

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Within a period of just a few days I read the book, wrote a letter of protest to the issuing agency, read the newspaper article, happened across the magazine article, referred back to the newspaper article for comparison, showed the material to a church official and was told that I was jumping to conclusions, that the programs and ideas in the church publications were good and that I was trying to read into them something that just wasn't there. I had intended asking the church official for additional addresses so that I could protest further, but, upon hearing his answers I dropped the subject.

Unfortunately, I have only recently become interested in and aware of the numerous forces constantly at work in our country to weaken us. However, several good magazine articles as well as some good editorial writers is the present extent of my reading on the subject. I am not well grounded in fundamentals, principals, etc. However, the enclosed excerpts disturbed me greatly and still do with each additional reading despite some reassurances that there is nothing about which to become disturbed. The parallels are too numerous between the programs set forth in the newspaper article and the magazine article, even to the date, or the month, in which each was proposed. It looks to pat to be an innocent circumstance and the other principles advocated in the book referred to add too much it would appear. I feel very strongly that the material is quite slanted, but I do not know for certain; I feel as though I should protest further, but I hesitate. Is this material innocent as I have been told, or am I right in thinking that it contains much of the Socialistic philosophy?

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Yours very truly,

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3 ENCLOSURE

The Methodist Woman  
March 1958

Department of Christian Social Relations

The Voice of Christians

Recommendations and plans adopted by the Woman's Division of Christian Service  
January 11, 1958, for promotion through the Department of Christian Social Relations.

Legislative Issues

Education

"It is recommended: (1) That the Woman's Division support a program of federal aid to be developed for assistance in meeting the basic needs of school construction and adequate teachers' salaries."

Housing

(b) "Federal, state and local action to guarantee a housing market open to all families without restriction as to race, creed, or national origin."

(2) "Finding out facts of segregation in housing in local communities and urging their local authorities to plan programs which will eliminate segregated areas and provide for urban renewal and community development wherever needed."

Aid to India

"It is imperative that a loan be made to India of at least half a billion dollars as speedily as possible...Support of this effort is vital to the peace of the world..."

Federal-State Responsibility

Re:"possible transfer to states of responsibilities in important areas now covered by the federal government, the Woman's Division records its support of the following principles:

a. No transfer should be contemplated unless it can be established that this can be done without decrease in necessary services now or in the future.

b. Some of the programs, such as migrant labor and water control, should be eliminated from the discussion of possibilities because their interstate nature renders them obviously inappropriate for state control.

c. The discussion of possible transfer should not be allowed to delay or diminish congressional action to provide for the carrying on of such programs as school aid, housing, protective services for juveniles." ....

"Recently there have been attempts by state and city governments to eliminate or suppress the activity of certain voluntary associations which are working to bring about peaceful social change through processes supported by the United States Constitution and the laws of the nation. These attempts against voluntary associations have occurred particularly in connection with the desegregation of the public schools. Such attempts are a menace to the fundamental human rights of freedom, of peaceable assembly and association, and freedom of speech guaranteed by the Constitution." ....

"The National Council of Churches urges upon the churches and churchmen that they recognize the gravity of the threat to all associations and to all liberties when the freedom of any legitimate voluntary association is assailed.

Extension of Reciprocal Trade Agreements.

"We hope this program will be extended for at least another five years without weakening amendments. We urge that in its provision and operation there be less emphasis on reinforcing trade barriers and more on expanding trade....While advocating the strengthening and extension of the reciprocal trade system, we are aware that some agreements may have certain local adverse effects. We hold, therefore, that as our government adopts measures to strengthen international trade, it should also approve programs of special assistance to areas, industries, and people adversely affected, to aid them in adjusting to the new conditions brought about in efforts for the larger good in an interdependent world."

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ENCLOSURE

Foreign Policy in Nuclear Space Age

"We recommend that Methodist women support these 'works for peace':

- a. The renunciation of war as an instrument of national policy.
- b. The exploration of possible areas for negotiation with the Soviet Union at points where mutuality of interest gives ground for hope.
- c. Placing of control of outer space in the UN since only a widely representative body can legitimately undertake such a responsibility.
- d. Increasing emphasis on disarmament with serious consideration given to possibilities of new proposals and with recognition that the ultimate repository of military power must be in the United Nations.
- e. Greatly expanded programs of mutual help covering both technical assistance and financing of economic development.
- f. Expansion of world trade.
- g. Cultural interchange programs of substantial dimensions by both government and nongovernmental organizations."

From Dallas Morning News, 3-6-58

Communists, U.S.A., Demand

by Alfred Kohlberg

"Late in January, the Communist Party, U.S.A., issued a set of demands addressed to leaders in the Senate and House....."

Here's their 'peace program':

1. Cease bomb tests. (2) Outlaw nuclear war. (3) Summit conference. (4) Universal disarmament. (5) Neutral zone in Europe. (6) Nonaggression pacts. (7) Middle East deal. (8) Recognize Red China. (9) Admit it to UN. (10) Cultural exchange. (11) Unrestricted trade, including Red China. (12) Loans to Communists. (13) Puerto Rican independence. (14) \$5 Billion more aid. (15) Space deal in UN.

Under 'For Fairtime Jobs and Better Living'... they propose more pay, more relief, more old-age insurance, more school and housing money, more farm aid; all balanced by lower taxes. The full list: (1) More unemployment pay. (2) 30 hour week. (3) \$1.50 hour minimum wage. (4) \$200 dollar old age pension. (5) Mortgage refinancing. (6) Brannan plan. (7) Taft-Hartley Act repeal. (8) Health insurance. (9) \$5 Billion for schools. (10) Federal housing. (11) Full federal power. (12) GI rights for all. (13) Nationalization of all industry....."

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## Chapter I. The Context of Evolution Section C. Economic and Social Upheavals

"In the Western capitalist nations new economic concepts have developed which correspond to the need of the community to intervene on behalf of people in the industrial order. Some of these conceptions deal with the right to subsistence, to health, security, housing and employment. The democratic state has modified the power of leaders in business and industry. Most democratic industrial countries recognize the responsibility of the state to provide for its citizens security against unemployment, sickness and old age, and so to use its natural resources as to maintain work for all and to ensure a fairer distribution of income among the various sections of the community."

## Chapter II. The People of God Speaking Boldly.

We have to learn afresh to speak boldly in Christ's Name (title sub-head)

### Section A. Leadership by individuals and the Fellowship

"Let us first recognize, however, that often a complacent and "middle-class" mentality thwarts the effort of a church to be vital and effective. The church must be the church and not just a society of well meaning middle class people.

What are the characteristics of the class attitudes which must be recognized and overcome if the true nature of the church is to be expressed? It is not to be supposed that a majority of church people have these attitudes, but if any considerable number of members have them they affect a church adversely. Professor Waldo Beach has drawn the profile as follows: 'Of salaried or independent income (Mr. Middle Class) lives in Suburbana in a standardized house which he owns or is on the way to owning. Fed by the constant fare of the radio and slick magazines, his hopes and enjoyments revolve around material comforts and sensate pleasures. He is hopeful about his own economic future, and steadily tries to lay something by for the education of his two children and his own retirement. He is likely to be constitutionally individualistic in his economic philosophy. 'Bureaucracy' and 'regimentation' are his pet peeves, to judge from his conversation. Of late he is becoming more amenable to the 'social welfare' view of government, but only if that does not involve restrictions on the liberties 'that have made America what it is today'... His moral creed extolls the capitalistic virtues of honesty, thrift, efficiency, hard work, respectability, neighborliness and philanthropy. He puts considerable stock in church affiliation, if not church attendance, and is surprisingly soft of heart in giving to 'worthy causes', considering his hardness of head in producer-consumer relationships... His social contacts, including those in his church, reflect a pride in his solemn and sincere belief that his class is after all the backbone of the nation and the bearer of the American ideal.' It is this large and growing ~~rich~~ group who occupy the pews of the major denominations of Protestantism."

### Section D. Inhibiting Boldness in Churches.

"In this chapter we have thus far seen splendid evidence of men and women speaking boldly in Christ's name; we have noted the vocation of the church and the role of the laity; and we have noted also the problem which a middle-class mentality presents to the Christian cause. The forces which inhibit the boldness of the local congregation must now be cited more specifically in order that, having noted them churches may seek to remedy the situation and overcome the inhibitions."

## Chapter IV. Vocation and Work

### Section F. Vocational Responsibilities for Christians

#### 1. Duties in Industry.

"The distribution of the fruits of technology and industry have produced great disparities of income and thus of the necessities of life. It is a matter of Christian concern that the average per capita income in favored areas and favored classes is many times greater than in other areas and classes. Is this concern to be met by social welfare measures? By tax structure? Is it a matter of basic economic reconstruction? Is it a changing of power relations in modern industry?"

4. "Since to covet wealth for its own sake is unchristian, how should the economic order be changed so as not to make this a continuing obsessive goal?"

12. "Modern society requires the development of institutions in which organized employers, workers and consumers work together, to serve the common needs of all."

Chapter V. Saying No and Yes in Truth

Section C. Saying "No"

4. "Churches must combat in local communities all efforts to revive groups like the Ku Klux Klan. They must say "no" to White Citizens Councils when they conspire to oppose desegregation. The constructive rights and function of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People must be defended."

5. "To all who would set the clock back in labor-management relations by abusive charges and the intent to wreck sound traditions of collective bargaining. Associations of special interests have continually propagandized against the 'monopoly' power of organized labor. Some have sought to weaken and even wreck labor unions by special restrictions through state law."

Section D. Saying "Yes"

2. "Christians who live under more favorable economic and social conditions must express in action their common humanity with all oppressed and suffering people. They must be willing, for example, to pay higher taxes so that their governments can make their equitable contribution through loans and grants for economic developments elsewhere; and to support these economic policies of their own countries which will bring about closer international cooperation and a balanced development of other countries. These actions must be taken with a sense of solidarity in a world which, for the first time in history, because of the nature of modern techniques, has become one world."

7. "Christians must not fear the state, but must have a constructive, critical and realistic view of its functions and limits. The state is the guarantor but not the source of justice. The state must be ready when necessary to counteract depression or inflation and to relieve the impact of unemployment, industrial injury, low wages, unfavorable working conditions, sickness and old age. The state is sometimes the enemy of freedom, but under many circumstances it is the only instrument which can make freedom possible for large sectors of the population."

From: In Every Place a Voice, by Walter G. Euelder

Sponsored by: Woman's Division of Christian Service  
Board of Missions, The Methodist Church  
Cincinnati 37, Ohio

1 Mr. Simpson

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100-403527-31

April 15, 1958

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Troy, Kansas

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Dear [redacted]

Your letter dated April 9, 1958, has been received and I appreciate the interest which prompted your communication.

While I would like to be of assistance to you, I must advise that since the Methodist Church and the individual you mentioned have never been investigated by this Bureau, I am unable to furnish you the information you requested.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

1 - Kansas City (Enclosure)

NOTE TO SAC, KANSAS CITY:

Enclosed is a copy of correspondent's letter.

The only record in Bufiles identifiable with correspondent is a Request for Loyalty Data form dated 10-6-57 received from the Soil Conservation Service, Department of Agriculture, Lincoln, Nebraska.

[redacted] Troy, Kansas, was

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NOTE TO SAC, KANSAS CITY CONTINUED:

then employed as a soil conservationist and had been so employed for the past 10 years. The form was returned to the Soil Conservation Service with the notation that no disloyal data was contained in Bufiles. (121-4-477738)

The individual referred to by correspondent may be identical with [REDACTED] concerning whom a Request for Loyalty Data form dated 5-3-48 was received from the U. S. Forest Service, Atlanta, Georgia. [REDACTED] was applying for a position as laborer with the U. S. Forest Service and indicated he had in the past been self-employed at Mt. Judeo, Arkansas, where he was then residing. This form was returned to the U. S. Forest Service with the notation that no disloyal data was contained in Bufiles. (121-4-579375)

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The above data is furnished for your information only.

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent advises he has read that the Methodist Church may have a "pink fringe" and asks to be advised how much "Red" influence there is in the Methodist Church. He also advises that the

[REDACTED] of the church, [REDACTED] may use communistic tactics in removing from church committees persons he dislikes and replacing them with persons he can control. Correspondent requested to be advised if the Bureau had a file on [REDACTED]

**TRUE COPY**

Troy, Kansas  
April 9, 1958

Mr. John Edgar Hoover - Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington 25  
D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover

Recently I read an article in the Readers Digest describing the Methodist Church as having a pink fringe, due to communistic influences. I talked about this at various board meetings and if there are red leanings I became a marked man. Recent developments have left me disturbed.

Three years ago I was one of the men selected to hire a [redacted]. We hired [redacted] a scholarly soft spoken man of [redacted]. He is a [redacted] large man, about six feet tall, weighing two hundred and eighty pounds. For two years he worked with the board very well. Now however he has suddenly become very aggressive and isn't above using communistic tactics to displace people he dislikes and replaces them with people he can control.

Mr. Hoover, I am a Methodist by choice. I was born an American and like its guarantee of Free Speech, the right to worship in a church of your choice etc. However if you oppose this man by word he drops your name from committees etc.

There are two questions I want answered.

Do you have a file on [redacted]?

Just how much Red influence is there in the Methodist Church?

Very truly yours,

/s/

[redacted] Troy, Kansas

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April 9, 1958

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FBI - Kansas City

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Very truly yours

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Troy, Kansas

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*EX-135*

May 2, 1958

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[REDACTED]  
Everett, Washington

Dear [REDACTED]

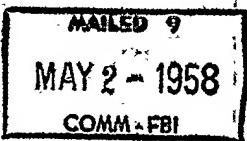
I have received your letter of April 24, 1958, and the interest which prompted you to write to me in this regard is indeed appreciated.

It was very thoughtful of you to suggest, in connection with my new book, that its contents be presented to the public through television broadcasts. I regret that the pressure of official business at this time precludes any consideration of such a program in the near future. You may be interested in knowing, however, that the serialization of my book is now appearing in various newspapers throughout the country.

In response to your inquiry concerning the Presbyterian Church, of which I am a member, I can assure you that no information has come to my attention that would substantiate the allegations which you mentioned.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



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NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles.

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Everett Wash.  
Apr. 24, 58

Mr. Edgar Hoover

Dear Sir

Your warnings of communist activity, in your book you spoke of different ways in which they work could you not come out on T. V. and tell the people of it as many wont read the book or wont be able to get it for sometime.

Is it correct that some of the top heads of the Presbyterians U.S.A. are Reds and they are trying to get control at the head of the church? If so many church member are not aware of it and the new Union of Presbyterian Churches take affect in May. If this is so you could deal them a hard blow if you would take but a few minutes on T. V. you might also enlist Richards Nixons Aid.

I am yours

/s/



Everett Wash.

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P.S. If you could do this please act soon.

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Communist Infiltration Into Religion

Everett Wash.  
Apr. 24.58

Mr. Edgar Hoover  
Dear Sir

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I am yours —



*R. L. H. E.C.*

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Everett Wash.  
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100-403549-83

June 26, 1958

PERSONAL

[REDACTED]  
The Methodist Church  
67 Fourth Street  
Booneville, Mississippi

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter of June 17, 1958, has been received.

The FBI does not investigate religious groups or denominations as such, and while individuals may be investigated on the basis of specific complaints charging a violation of Federal laws, I am unable to be of assistance to you as the function of this Bureau as strictly a fact-finding agency does not extend to making evaluations of individuals or organizations.

I thought you might want to know that I am a Presbyterian.

Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Correspondent is not identifiable in Bufiles. It is noted that the Bureau has received several requests regarding communist affiliations of Methodist clergymen within the past few weeks. No indication is known why such inquiries have originated at this time.

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November 7, 1958

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AIRMAIL

New York, New York

Dear [redacted]

Your letter of October 29, 1958, has been received.

Although I would like to be of service, the FBI is strictly a fact-gathering agency and does not make evaluations or draw conclusions as to the character or integrity of any organization, publication, or individual. I know you will understand the reason for this policy and will not infer either that we do or that we do not have in our files information relating to the subject of your inquiries.

If you wish to secure a list of the organizations which have been cited by the Attorney General as coming within the scope of Executive Order 10450, your request should be submitted to the Subversive Organizations Section, Internal Security Division, United States Department of Justice, Washington 25, D. C. I am forwarding to you, under separate cover, publications relating to communism which you might like to read.

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Sincerely yours,

*John Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

*67 NOV 1958*  
NOTE: The following publications are being sent to correspondent by regular mail under separate cover: "God and Country or Communism"; "Communist 'New Look'"; Address of J. Edgar Hoover before the National Convention of The American Legion, September 19, 1957; "Struggle on a New Plane"; "Menace of Communism." *del*  
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[Redacted]  
Booneville, Mississippi  
June 17, 1958

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

On more than one occasion I have heard the accusation made that "two thousand Methodist ministers are communists." There are some of my local people who seem to believe that this is true.

Such an accusation seems to me absurd, since the process of ordaining a Methodist minister begins in the local church and continues through a long series of examinations before the conference board of ministerial training, as well as an extended period of schooling. I doubt seriously whether one, not to say two thousand, men could get through such a process and into a place of influence by pure sham. If so, they are certainly diabolically clever.

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However, I should like to have your professional opinion as to whether there is any basis to this serious charge. If so, something should be done about it. If not, my people and others have a right to know authoritatively that the charge is false.

It is my understanding that you are a Methodist. I feel that from every standpoint, religious, professional, and as an American concerned for our national security, you will want to make a clarifying statement about this matter.

Thank you.

Sincerely yours,

[Redacted]  
Booneville Circuit  
The Methodist Church

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] New York, New York.

Federal Beaureau of Investigation  
Washington 25, District of Columbia

COMMUNIST INFILTRATION INTO RELIGIOUS

Dear Sir; Groups -

It has been said that many of our protestant churches in the United States are members of an organization called The United Council of Churches.

It has also been said that the head or leaders of this organization are high ranking officials of the Communist Party.

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I wish to have sent to me by your organization material that will prove or disprove these accusations and if proof is available I wish to have a list of the churches which are members of said organization.

Also I will appreciate any material you may have concerning the churches of our country, whether pro or con so I may have the facts with which to make future decisions.

Thank you for your help and attention.

[REDACTED]  
EUROPE

P.S. Please send reply by Air Mail due to the fact that First Class mail takes a month or more to reach us. Thank you.

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OFFICE OF DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Parsons \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Trotter \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. W. C. Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Holloman \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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# Christians the World Over

By RALPH McGILL  
Editor, the Atlanta Constitution

On this last Sunday before Christmas, Christianity itself is, as usual, being tested all over the world. Nor is the faith sure of victory. Not everywhere are Christians marching as to war "with the cross of Jesus going on before."

It is odd, in a way, that the admitted gross materialism of communism should have become, for millions, a sort of religion, or faith.

There are in the world today in round numbers:

- 480 million Roman Catholics.
- 400 million Moslems.
- 300 million Hindus.
- 300 million Confucianists.
- 210 million Protestants.
- 150 million Buddhists.
- 129 million Orthodox Christians.
- 50 million Taoists.
- 34 million Shintoists.
- 12 million Jews.

In addition to these, of course, there are several millions of persons about the world in obscure, localized sects.

The Orthodox Christians are those who are neither Roman Catholics nor Protestants. They are of the Eastern or Greek rite, and its variations, such as the Russian, Latvian or Syrian.

## One Third of the World

If we add the Orthodox and Protestant Christians to those of the Roman rite, they total more than 800 million. This is almost one third of the world's population of 2.6 billion persons.

The influence of this many believing individuals could be a

great, even compelling, force in the world.

The paradox becomes the more incredible when we note another fact. If we add the philosophic religions of the Hindus, Buddhists, Taoists and Confucianists we have a total about that of all the Christians. All these religions have a morality and a creed of nonviolence. They teach charity. They all admit of evil forces and good.

This force is neither organized nor effective as a counter to Communist ideology among the millions of Asians and Africans.

The most aggressively advancing religion in Africa is the Moslem. It is the one religion which equates itself with a nationalism. This makes it a good cover for Communist agents who come preaching that same nationalistic drive. So it is that the followers of the prophet hear from many of their mullahs, or priests, that the Christian missionaries are nothing but agents of Western imperialism.

## Communicants Cut Off

The Christian religion has had going in the Moslem world and the Communist. The Vatican several times has expressed its alarm over the fact that almost 70 million communicants in Asia and Europe have long been cut off from Rome. This situation is equally true of perhaps 5 million Protestant members in the same area.

A recent dispatch noted that four more priests belonging to Red Chinese-sponsored, so-called "patriotic Catholic associations" in Communist China have been elected bishops by the excommunicated groups. Altogether, 32 bishops have been unlawfully consecrated in defiance of the Vati-

can. Protestant churches also have been brought within the "patriotic association" corral. This includes Methodists, Presbyterians, Episcopalians and Baptists.

Christians in Africa—Roman, Protestant, Orthodox—are a little less than 10 per cent of the population.

In Asia, much of which is cut off from Christian communion and missionary effort, live more than half the world's total population. This always shocks Americans. Not only is a majority of all the world's people in Asia, but less than a third are white. And of this, more than a billion and a quarter people, only about 2½ per cent are Christian.

## On Being a Christian

In the Western world there is a revival of interest in religion. But not all theologians are sure there is a revival of religious life. Being "interested in" is helpful but not enough. In some places being a Christian is like belonging to an exclusive, conservative club. Dues are paid. Rules prohibit any noise or controversial discussions. Missionary money goes to faraway places like Africa, but it has no local meaning.

Other churches are interested in what men drink, but not at all in what men think.

For most, the great world issue of race is taboo. In 1860 their forebears were sure God had created and condoned slavery. In 1958 they are sure schools and churches must be segregated.

On this Christmas Day, it is plain that Christianity and the humanistic religions are divided. Communism is united. It is something to think about.

(North American Newspaper Alliance)

100-403529-85

ENCLOSURE

1 - Mr. Simpson

September 25, 1959

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EX 105

[redacted]  
[redacted] Texas

Dear [redacted]

Your letter dated September 15, 1959, has been received, and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

In view of the contents of your communication, I am instructing the Special Agent in Charge of our Dallas Office to have an Agent contact you in the near future.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

2 - Dallas (enclosures - 2)

ATTENTION: SAC, DALLAS

Enclosed are two copies of correspondent's communication. Bufiles contain no identifiable information concerning the correspondent.

You are instructed to have an Agent promptly contact the correspondent for additional details concerning communist infiltration in his church and determine if he has any information of interest and value to the Bureau. The results of your interview with him should be promptly submitted to the Bureau under appropriate caption with reference made to this communication.

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**NOTE ON YELLOW:**

Correspondent stated that for the past several months he has been observing a group of "subversive (unchristian) elements" and they have infiltrated and taken over the control of his church. He stated if the Bureau believes it is worth looking into he will give what information he has and some leads to follow.

[redacted] Texas

Sept. 15, 1959

Mr. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

For the past number of months I have been observing a group of subversive (unchristian) elements as they have infiltrated and taken over control of a little protestant church in my community of [redacted] which is a suburb of [redacted] Texas.

Just a few years ago this was a sleepy little village, but has since then become one of those rapidly mushrooming residential areas, which are becoming common around the perimeter of larger cities. I think I have discovered their method of operation in infiltrating organizations such as this church, which is the [redacted] Church of [redacted] Texas. Apparently they pick rapidly growing and new residential areas where Preachers are pulling out their hair to find volunteer workers to take care of a rapidly growing congregation which he is unable to cope with. They become quite active and offer their services and are welcomed with open arms by a bewildered and confused minister of the gospel. In this case the elements which have infiltrated have been pretty well trained and are quite smooth workers. They have already started their program.

Their pattern of operation is pretty well defined, and of course I can think of nothing but communists, as they could hardly be anything else. If you think it is worth looking into, I will give what information I have and some leads to follow. It should of course be most discreet and confidential to obtain results.

Business address: [redacted]

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 10/22/59

FROM : *Call/ed* SAC, DALLAS (100-10337)

SUBJECT:

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COMMUNIST INFILTRATION  
INTO GOVERNMENT

Re Bureau letter to [redacted] Richardson, Texas, dated 9/25/59, which acknowledged letter received at the Bureau from [redacted] dated 9/15/59.

As instructed by the Bureau, [redacted] Texas, was contacted on 10/8/59 by SA [redacted] He is employed as a [redacted]

[redacted] He advised he has a long story to tell which he believes may have something to do with communist activities.

He related that in about 1952, he moved from Austin, Texas, to Dallas, and became employed by [redacted] an affiliate of [redacted] in Dallas. This company turned out to be involved in an [redacted] scandal in Texas and after a few months he terminated his connection with that firm and became employed as manager of [redacted]

[redacted] He said that the above mentioned [redacted] company had been investigated by the Dallas County DA's Office and he has no information not already known to that agency.

While employed by the above two firms, he served as a member of the [redacted] Church in the [redacted] Section of Dallas. While affiliated with that church, he began noticing some individuals whom he believed were "subversive agitators" in that church who appeared to be attempting to create confusion and to divide its members. This agitation resulted in a split of the church. The two ring leaders of that agitation were said to be [redacted] and [redacted]

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He further stated that a member of that church named [redacted] had just moved to Dallas from Holland. He arrived in Dallas about the time this church was involved in the above agitation, and remained until after the church had split into two groups. After being in Dallas three or four years, [redacted] returned to Holland, although he understood [redacted] traveled through Mexico, Central or South America to California, Montana, and to South Dakota to visit [redacted] mentioned above, (they having moved from Dallas to somewhere in South Dakota) and finally to Canada. From Canada [redacted] allegedly went to The Hague, Holland.

In about 1956, [redacted] moved to [redacted], Texas, a suburb of [redacted] and became affiliated with the [redacted] Church [redacted]. He noticed there appeared to be "subversive elements", the purpose apparently being to distort and confuse Christian beliefs in subtle ways. The individuals involved appeared to be atheistic and disruptive. The three individuals appearing to be involved in these activities were [redacted] and [redacted] all of whom appeared to have the approval and sanction of that church [redacted]

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[redacted] said that in June or July, 1959, he was invited to a men's discussion group at the church and was supposed to make a talk to the group. Some of the material given to him to discuss at the meeting appeared unusual in nature and in his opinion was anti-Christian in nature. He became incensed over this request for him to talk about the matter which appeared to be anti-Christian in nature and he declined to use the material furnished him.

He believed that all of the above individuals might have been engaged in communist activities because of their apparent disruptive tactics. He had no specific information concerning communist activities or members of the CP.

He described subjects as follows:

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Name [REDACTED]  
Race White  
Sex Male B. APPROX.  
Age [REDACTED] years  
Height 5' 10"  
Weight [REDACTED] pounds  
Hair Dark  
Occupation [REDACTED] Texas  
(in the middle 1950's)  
Present address Somewhere in South Dakota

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Name [REDACTED]  
Race White  
Sex Male B. APPROX.  
Age [REDACTED] years  
Height 5' 10"  
Weight [REDACTED] pounds  
Hair Dark  
Occupation [REDACTED] (middle  
1950's)  
Present address Somewhere in South Dakota

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Name [REDACTED]  
Race White  
Sex Male B. APPROX.  
Age [REDACTED] years  
Height 6'  
Weight [REDACTED] pounds  
Hair Dark

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Name [REDACTED]  
Race White  
Sex Male B. APPROX.  
Age [REDACTED] years  
Height 5' 9"  
Weight [REDACTED] pounds  
Hair [REDACTED]  
Occupation [REDACTED]

*SUSPECTED OF PRACTICES*  
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Name [REDACTED]  
Race White  
Sex Male  
Age [REDACTED] years  
Height [REDACTED]'  
Weight [REDACTED] pounds  
Hair Dark  
Employment [REDACTED]

B. APPROX. [REDACTED]

Texas [REDACTED]  
Dallas [REDACTED]

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Name [REDACTED]  
Race White  
Sex Male  
Age [REDACTED] years  
Height 5' 10"  
Weight [REDACTED] pounds  
Hair [REDACTED]  
Occupation [REDACTED]

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Company, address unknown [REDACTED]

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Name [REDACTED]  
Race White  
Sex Male  
Age [REDACTED] years  
Height [REDACTED]'  
Weight [REDACTED] pounds  
Hair Dark  
Occupation [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] Richardson, Texas [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] was advised the information provided by him would be given appropriate attention; that his reporting to this Bureau is appreciated.

The Dallas Office indices reflect no information identifiable with the seven captioned individuals or complainant.

In view of the non-specific nature of the allegations made by complainant, no action is contemplated.

SAC, Dallas

Simpson

October 27, 1959

Director, FBI

[REDACTED]  
INFORMATION CONCERNING  
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

COMMUNIST INFILTRATION INTO RELIGION

ReBulet dated September 25, 1959, directed to [REDACTED] Texas,

copies of which were designated for your office with the request that correspondent be interviewed.

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Bufiles fail to reveal receipt of the results of this interview and you are requested to furnish the results at once.

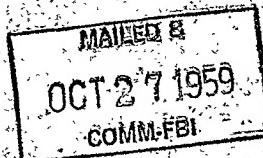
In the event this data has been submitted to the Bureau, furnish the date and caption of your communication.

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1 - Mr. Simpson

October 27, 1959

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100-403627-90

[REDACTED]  
Plainville, Kansas

Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter dated October 18, 1959, with its enclosure, has been received, and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

While I would like to be of assistance, information in the files of the FBI is maintained as confidential and available for official use only in accordance with a regulation of the Department of Justice. I regret, therefore, that I am unable to comply with your request.

I am sure you will understand the necessity for this regulation and will not infer from my inability to be of assistance that we do or do not have in our files the information you desire.

There is enclosed, however, some material available for general distribution by this Bureau which may be of interest to you. I am also returning to you the self-addressed, stamped envelope enclosed with your letter.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director, F.B.I.  
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1 - Kansas City (Enclosure) (See note, page 2)  
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ATTENTION: SAC, KANSAS CITY

Enclosed is a copy of correspondent's communication. The enclosure to correspondent's letter was the self-addressed stamped envelope. Bufiles contain no identifiable information concerning correspondent.

The following items of literature were furnished to the correspondent:

1. "What You Can Do to Fight Communism and Preserve America"
2. "God and Country or Communism?"
3. Reprint from the FBI Law Enforcement Bulletin, April, 1959
4. "God or Chaos?"
5. "Foe to Freedom"
6. "Communism and the College Student"
7. "Breaking the Communist Spell"

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent stated she read the Director's book, "The FBI Story," and was impressed that everyone can do something to help stamp out communism. She is concerned over certain changes being made in her church and advises certain church classes have been disbanded. Classes on "Religious Principles in Business Ethics" and "The History of the Methodist Church and it's Principles" have been instituted which she believes is getting away from teaching the Bible and bears all the earmarks of communism. She inquires whether it is possible for her to receive any data "as to if and how much Communism has infiltrated our church or churches?" She states she lives in a town of 2400 population and wants no one to know she has written the Bureau and, therefore, enclosed a plain, stamped, self-addressed envelope. This envelope is being returned since it cannot be used.

Bulet makes no reference to correspondent's remarks about the Director's book since her remarks are not particularly commendatory and she has incorrectly referred to the Director's book as "The FBI Story." In view of the extremely broad nature of correspondent's request for information, it is believed the above reply will best serve the Bureau's interests. Bureau's confidential return address being used since correspondent does not desire that other residents in her town know she has written to the FBI.

Plainville, Kansas.  
October 18, 1959.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,  
F. B. I.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

First of all I have read - and reread - your book, The F.B.I. Story and was impressed with the idea that each of us can do something to help stamp out the activities of Communists all over our country.

Lately something has come up in our ~~First Methodist Episcopal Church~~ that has prompted me to write this letter. I am very much concerned as to some revolutionary changes that are taking place in our church school, and if it could be communist inspired. It has all the earmarks of being so.

There are four classes meeting in our sanctuary. [redacted] and have for three years. Six weeks ago notices began appearing on our church bulletines that three classes were to be organized to start January 1st on different subjects and we were all to choose which subject we wished to study. These classes were to be of all ages and run for a period of three months. When I inquired of our minister for details he informed me that our class would be disbanded. We were all dumbfounded that such could take place without consulting us as only two members of our class (Members of the official board) knew anything about it.

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The only class keeping on with the study of the International Sunday School studies would be the Ladies' Bible Class. Two other subjects were "Religious Principals in Business Ethics" and "The History of the Methodist Church and its Principals." To me this is getting away from teaching the Bible in our Sunday School and bears all the earmarks of Communism. I am greatly concerned about my church. Could you, or would it be possible for me to receive any data as to if and how much Communism has infiltrated our church or churches?

I am enclosing a plain, addressed envelope for your reply as Plainville is a small town of 2400 population and I have already voiced my thoughts on the subject and would much rather no one knew that I have gotten in touch with you.

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Thanking you very much for any information which you may be able to give me, I remain

Sincerely yours,

Adl 10/18/59  
Plainville, Kansas  
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Plainville, Kansas.

P.S.: I have been informed that this plan of study has already been put into operation in our church in Wichita.

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October 27, 1959

[REDACTED]  
Locum-tenens of the Armenian Church  
Prelacy of America  
411 East 53rd Street  
New York 22, New York

Dear [REDACTED]

I have received your letter of October 19, 1959, with enclosure, and certainly appreciate the thought which prompted you to write me. Thank you very much for affording me the benefit of your observations, and I am looking forward to receiving the copy of "Crisis in the Armenian Church."

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover



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NOTE: Bufiles contain no reference to [REDACTED] By letter dated August 13, 1959, the Boston Office obtained from a source in Armenian matters, a copy of the book, "Crisis in the Armenian Church." The book was purportedly prepared by the Central Diocesan Board, Armenian National Apostolic Church of America, 212 Stuart Street, Boston. The source who made the book available, [REDACTED] claimed that it showed the dissident Armenian Church in America is communist-infiltrated.

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PRELACY OF THE ARMENIAN CHURCH OF AMERICA

411 EAST 53rd STREET, NEW YORK 22, N.Y.  
TEL. MURRAY HILL 8-0281

Mr. Tolson  
Mr. Belmont  
Mr. DeLoach  
Mr. McGuire  
Mr. Mohr  
Mr. Parsons  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Tamm  
Mr. Trotter  
Mr. V. [unclear]  
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Mr. Holloman  
Miss Gandy

October 19, 1959

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
c/o F. B. I.  
Washington, D. C.

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COMMITTEE OF INFLUENCE  
INTO REC 116-803

Dear Mr. Hoover:

We are sending you, under separate cover, a book entitled "Crisis in the Armenian Church". *11-4*

This was prepared, initially, as this Diocese's official Memorandum to the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. in order for that body to see how Soviet Power uses the CHURCH as a cloak to camouflage its subversive, political and essentially anti-religious activity.

We believe that the Armenian Church story will serve as a classic, to mirror the tactics and strategy that Moscow uses (unfortunately, sometimes with telling success) to penetrate all Churches and religious institutions.

On the sheet attached we give a couple of the most outstanding instances of the type of data "Crisis in the Armenian Church" contains.

Accept our paternal blessings and prayers, we remain

Sincerely yours,

Locum-tenens of the Armenian Church Prelacy of America

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ENCLOSURE

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## *What The Memorandum Reveals.*

Destruction of the Church in Armenia and how the Bolsheviks strangled to death the Catholicos Khoren Mooradbegian in 1938. How churches were turned to museums or reduced to stables or rubble. How after World War II political expediency "changed" policy and the Church was again "set up" to be used for infiltration abroad.

How many high-ranking Armenian clergymen in America and in the Middle East served Soviet interests despite their published statements indicating their "true" allegiance.

How a faction of the Armenian Church in America, though illegal and unconstitutional, maintains itself and how it serves not only as a transmission belt for Soviet propaganda, but as a nucleus for anti-democratic, anti-American and pro-communist action.

How the new Catholicos of Soviet Armenia, appointed through a rigged election in a packed Ecclesiastical Convention was sent abroad, to Lebanon and Egypt and the Middle East, to serve the "highest interests of Soviet foreign policy" as Bulganin himself stated in Moscow after the return of the Armenian Catholicos from his trip to the Middle East.

How this illegal faction applied for membership and was admitted into the National Council of the Churches of Christ.

How to this day the abuse and misuse of Church, clergy and religion grow and how the naive and uninformed are taken in by this cleverly cloaked Soviet propaganda.

ENCLOSURE

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

*Memo* [redacted] um

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 10/30/59

FROM: *Colby* SAC, DALLAS (100,10337)

SUBJECT: [redacted]  
INFORMATION CONCERNING  
(INTERNAL SECURITY)

*RJ/gas*  
Re Bulet, 10/27/59.

Bureau attention is directed to Dallas letter  
dated 10/22/59, captioned [redacted]

[redacted] "SM-C", which reported the results of the  
interview with [redacted]

No further investigation being conducted by  
Dallas UACB.

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EX-135

1 - Mr. Simpson

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January 13, 1960

[Redacted]  
Irvine, Kentucky

Dear [Redacted]

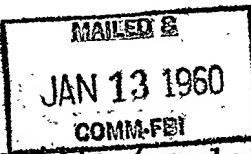
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Your letter dated January 3, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

The function of the FBI as a fact-gathering agency does not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. I can advise you, however, that The Disciples of Christ Church has not been the subject of an investigation by this Bureau.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director



1 - Louisville (enclosure)

SEE NOTE TO LOUISVILLE, PAGE TWO

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ATTENTION: SAC, LOUISVILLE

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Enclosed is a copy of correspondent's communication. Bufiles contain no identifiable data concerning the correspondent.

The article referred to by the correspondent may be one of a series entitled "The Story of Religions in America." One of these articles appeared in the October 27, 1959, issue of "Look" magazine and was devoted to The Disciples of Christ Church. However, it made no reference to communism or to the FBI.

The Disciples of Christ Church has never been investigated by the Bureau. Bufiles contain no identifiable information of a derogatory nature concerning this Church. Various representatives of the Church have, on a number of occasions, requested the Director to speak before its groups and conventions. These invitations have been declined because of pressure of official duties and for other similar reasons. (94-49554) (94-39724) (94-1-4141) (94-1-5402)

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent advises of a dispute in his Church involving reported communist activities within the Church on a national level. He stated that those alleging such activity refer to "an issue of Look magazine" concerning activities of those within the Church with communist leanings. These persons also allege that the FBI made a complete and revealing report on the communists within The Disciples of Christ Church. He requested to be furnished the truth concerning any subversive activities within his Church investigated by the FBI.

\* Previous correspondence refers to the Disciples of Christ church.

[Redacted]  
Irvine, Kentucky  
January 3, 1960

Communist Infiltrations into Religion

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The Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sirs;

Within our local church there has arisen a dispute in which the issue of reported communistic activities has been injected. These communist activities are supposedly taking place or have, in the past, taken place within the Disciples of Christ Church on the national level. Those who have used that in their argument keep referring to an issue of Look magazine concerning the activities of those in the Disciples of Christ Church with communistic leanings. They further state that the Federal Bureau of Investigation made a complete and revealing report on these people within the Disciples of Christ Church who are Communists.

If possible, I, as a member of our local church and interested in learning the truth, would like to know of any information you could furnish me concerning the truth or untruth of any subversive activities investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation within the Disciples of Christ Church with its headquarters located at Indianapolis, Indiana. I would like this information to be sure that there be no half-truths or untruths interjected into this dispute.

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Thanking you in advance, I remain

Sincerely yours,

[Redacted]

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— FEB. 29 Washington —

Mrs Edgar Haas

Dear Sir I would like to have a  
little information from you  
if you would give it to me I have  
had some dealing with your  
men in Odessa Texas I worked 7  
years for the City of Odessa  
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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

## Memorandum

TO MR. A. H. BELMONT

FROM F. A. FROHBOSE

SUBJECT: NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE  
 CHURCHES OF CHRIST IN THE USA  
 PROTEST TO DEFENSE DEPARTMENT  
 REGARDING AIR FORCE PUBLICATION

DATE: February 17, 1960

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On evening of February 16, 1960, [redacted] Office of Special Investigations (OSI), Air Force (AF) requested through Liaison expedite name checks regarding captioned body and its officers, Reverend Edwin T. Dahlberg, President; Reverend Roy G. Ross, General Secretary; and James Wine, Associate General Secretary. [redacted] advised a letter from the Council to Secretary of Defense Gates has strongly protested an AF Reserve training manual containing statements indicating communist infiltration of U.S. churches and activities of the Council. He stated Inspector General Carroll and Secretary of the Air Force Sharp are to discuss with Secretary Gates on February 17, 1960 what position and action should be taken in the matter and Carroll is very desirous of obtaining pertinent data of a subversive nature which Bureau may provide.

In above regard, attached clipping from "The Washington Post" of February 17, 1960, captioned "Churches Flay AF Manual Linking Them With Reds" indicates the Council, which represents 33 Protestant and Orthodox denominations of the U.S., asked Secretary Gates in its protest to withdraw the publication, a student text for members of the Continental Air Command. The Council was stated to be angered at statements of successful communist infiltration of churches; implications that some pastors are card-carrying communists; indications that Americans only have a right to know what the Government wants to release to news media; and statements that many persons working on the Council-sponsored Revised Standard Version of the Bible have communist affiliations. The article stated sources of the manual were cited as other AF security manuals and also non-Government publications.

Name Check Section is compiling pertinent data to be furnished to AF re the Council and officers. This appears to be a situation where AF has gotten itself involved and which will probably result in further unfavorable publicity as above article indicates the General Board of the Council expects to take this matter up at a meeting at Oklahoma City, February 24, 1960.

[redacted] advised Liaison, February 17, 1960, that FEB 19 1960 AF manuals, 205-4 and 205-5, indicated by the "Post" as source of much information in the protested manual, indicates no reference to any Bureau or OSI data, and it appears the source of the training manual's information was outside civilian-type publications.

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ACTION: For information. We should not become further involved in this.

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*Memorandum*

TO : Mr. Mohr

DATE: February 25, 1960

FROM : C. D. DeLoach

SUBJECT:

COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES  
AIR RESERVE CENTER TRAINING MANUAL

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Attached for your information is a copy of the opening statement by Honorable Francis E. Walter (D-Pa.), Chairman, Committee on Un-American Activities at the hearings today, February 25, 1960, on the Air Reserve Center Training Manual.

ACTION:Communist Infiltration into Religion

That this memorandum be forwarded to the Domestic Intelligence Division.

## Enclosure

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OPENING STATEMENT  
HONORABLE FRANCIS E. WALTER (D-PA.) CHAIRMAN  
COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES  
ON ISSUES PRESENTED BY AIR RESERVE CENTER TRAINING MANUAL  
WASHINGTON, D. C. - THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1960

Some few weeks ago, this Committee began hearings on the subject of Communist activities and propaganda among youth groups. In opening those hearings, I stated:

"I know that this Committee's investigation in this area will probably precipitate a barrage from the Communist press and from Communist sympathizers characterizing our work as an investigation of youth. The Communists know as well as we do that the overwhelming majority of the young people of this nation are of unquestioned patriotism and dedication to all that is good and noble in our society. But by equating an investigation of Communist activities among youth with an investigation of youth itself, the Communists and their sympathizers hope to becloud the issues. This, of course, is an old trick which the Communists repeatedly use. When this Committee investigates Communist activities in defense plants, the smoke screen that the Communists use is that we are investigating organized labor. When we investigate Communist activities in an educational institution, it is protested by the Communists that we are investigating education. I am sure that the overwhelming majority of the American people readily see through this fraud, and it shall not dissuade us from our task."

Although the only witnesses who were subpoenaed for those hearings on Communist activities and propaganda among youth groups were hard core members of the Communist Party who had been identified as such under oath, the Communist and pro-Communist press of this country followed the course which I predicted on the day on which the hearings were opened. Typical of the reaction which I anticipated was a statement of one columnist that the Committee on Un-American Activities was now engaged in intimidating children. An editorial in the Washington Post proclaimed that the Committee on Un-American Activities

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" . . . aims to stigmatize as subversive a healthy curiosity and youthful hope that peace can be promoted by letting young people of the world rub elbows and minds." With reference to the hard-core identified Communists who were subpoenaed before this Committee, the Washington Post editorial stated: "The House Committee on Un-American Activities has now used its subpoena power to haul before it five young men and women who had the temerity to attend one or another of the youth festivals held at Moscow, Warsaw and Vienna."

Based on extensive experience as Chairman of this Committee, I now predict that the instant hearings will be publicized as an investigation by the Committee on Un-American Activities of religion; that we on this Committee are concerned about religious beliefs or theology, or that certain ministers of the gospel must be subversive because they advocate tenets with which the Committee does not concur. Again I say, as I said when we were investigating Communist activities and propaganda among youth groups, that this diversionary tactic will not dissuade us from our task. We thoroughly expect attack by Communists, pro-Communists, dupes and misguided liberals who would use the facade of religion to mask Communist activities. We on this Committee are as proud of our enemies as we are of our friends.

In the military stalemate between the forces of freedom and international communism, the chief arena of conflict has now shifted from the military to the non-military. The enemy's threat, however, becomes even more dangerous because it is more difficult to detect and engage in combat. His arsenal includes weapons of internal subversion, espionage, sabotage, propaganda, and economic and political warfare. His objective remains the same: destruction of all free societies, conquest of the world and enslavement of mankind. The battlefields are every institution and organization of society including the home, the church, the school and every agency of our government.

During the past summer, a 2-week National Strategy Seminar for 200 carefully selected reserve officers from all over the nation was held at the National War College in Washington with the endorsement of the Department of Defense and with the assistance of the Reserve Officers Association, the Foreign Policy Research Institute of the University of Pennsylvania, and the Institute for American Strategy.

The officers who attended this seminar did not study military science. They did not listen to lectures on military strategy, tactics, weapons development, and other subjects usually associated with the Armed Forces. Rather, the major theme of this seminar, at which a score of the country's top authorities on communism lectured, was "fourth dimensional warfare," or, as it is sometimes called, "political warfare" -- combat aimed at destroying an enemy by nonmilitary means. This is a combat science which has been developed by the Communists to its highest degree in the history of civilization.

An implication of this seminar--and a point previously made by many experts--is that this country could be conquered by Communists without a shot being fired; that the military know-how and capabilities of our Armed Forces, our tremendous array of weapons, and the huge sums spent to develop them might never be used in a final defense effort to prevent the enslavement of the American people.

In this struggle between freedom and the forces of slavery, the Congress of the United States has charged the Committee on Un-American Activities with the responsibility for maintaining continuing surveillance over the agitational and propaganda activities, within this nation, of the international Communist conspiracy. It has also charged it with continually reviewing the administration and operation of our security laws for the purpose of recommending such revisions as are necessary to cope with the everchanging Communist threat.

Recently the Secretary of the Air Force, Dudley C. Sharp, was quoted in the press as "categorically repudiating" the Air Reserve Center Training Manual as representing Air Force views. Much of this manual deals with problems of Communist infiltration and subversion. Indeed, on the sections dealing with this subject, there appear numerous quotations derived from hearings conducted by the Committee on Un-American Activities in which are presented authoritative statements by experts on each of several facets of the subject.

Since it appears that the "categorical repudiation" of the Air Reserve Training Center manual by the Secretary of the Air Force stemmed largely because of statements in the manual respecting "infiltration of fellow travelers into churches" (see manual, page 15-14), all God-fearing, freedom-living people would do well to pause and reflect on the irresolute opposition of atheistic communism to religion.

Here are the words of J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation:

"Communism is secularism on the march. It is the mortal foe of all the world's religions which acknowledge the existence of God. Either the faith of our fathers will triumph or communism will engulf us. In this land of ours the two cannot live side by side.

"Nowhere among the leaders of the Communist Party in the United States, Russia, Red China or in any other part of the world will you find one who loves and believes in God. God is truth. Communists hate truth and, therefore, they hate the church.

"One of the leading slogans of the Communist revolution in Russia in 1917 was: 'Religion is the opium of the people.'

"This was first uttered by Karl Marx, the founder of communism, in 1843. Lenin, now resurrected by the Kremlin as the Communist idol and guide of the present and future, restated it in 1905. And last year, Nikita Khrushchev, the present head of the Russian Communist Party, publicly proclaimed that Communists have not changed their opinion on religion and said:

'We remain the atheists that we have always been; we are doing all we can to liberate those people who are still under the spell of this religious opiate.'"

Sworn testimony from religious leaders who have escaped from Communist regimes amply demonstrates the intensity of the warfare which communism is waging against the churches.

I am inserting, as an appendix to my remarks, excerpts from typical testimony on this issue.

What of Communist infiltration in church groups in the United States?

Incidental to investigations conducted by the Committee on Un-American Activities in our pursuit of Communists, at least a dozen persons who have been identified as members

of the Communist Party have also professed to be ministers of the gospel. In addition, several undercover operatives of the F.B.I. who have served in the Communist Party have testified under oath respecting the directives under which they and other members of the Communist Party operated with respect to penetration of church groups.

I am likewise inserting in the appendix to my remarks excerpts from sworn testimony on this subject.

How successful have Communists been in their attempts to penetrate church groups?

Although this question is not subject to precise qualitative or quantitative analysis, it is a fact, however, supported by the record that the Communists have duped large numbers of the clergy as well as lay leaders of the churches into supporting Communist fronts and causes which masquerade behind deceitful facades of humanitarianism. This is not to say that these persons are necessarily consciously supporting Communist enterprises but the net result is, for all practical purposes, the same.

Some two or three years ago the Committee on Un-American Activities held consultations with three prominent clergymen of the Jewish, Catholic and Protestant faiths respectively on the subject, "The Ideological Fallacies of Communism." These clergymen, Rabbi S. Andhil Fineberg, Bishop Fulton J. Sheen and Dr. Daniel A. Poling, clearly exposed the fallacies of this devilish force. In the course of the consultation Dr. Fineberg was asked this question: "Have the religious forces of the world, in your judgment, been as vigorous in opposition to the spread of communism as they might have been?" He replied, "Too few religious leaders have accepted the responsibility of refuting Communist propaganda. Like most Americans, clergymen have been against communism without studying it and without effort to expose its fallacies."

In my judgment, much good can come from an objective inquiry into the reasons why the Air Reserve Training Center manual which in part dealt with this very problem was repudiated by the Secretary of the Air Force. Without apology, therefore, and with firm determination that we will pursue this subject matter honestly, fairly and sincerely, with end in view of developing the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth, we are opening our inquiry today by receiving the testimony of the Secretary of the Air Force, Dudley C. Sharp.

Appendix To  
Opening Statement  
Honorable Francis E. Walter (D-Pa.) Chairman  
Committee on Un-American Activities  
On Issues Presented By Air Reserve Center Training Manual  
Washington, D. C. - Thursday, February 25, 1960

Father Theodoric Joseph Zubek, a Franciscan priest who escaped from Slovakia, testified before the Committee on Un-American Activities in December, 1959 as follows:

". . . Male religious orders and congregations were suppressed in April 1950. There were over 700 male religious priests and brothers living in 137 monasteries and were subjected to Communist-sponsored re-education. If they complied with this brainwashing and took the oath of loyalty, they were sent to parishes and churches as diocesan priests. If they remained unyielding, they were sent to forced labor camps, and later in 1957, released to manual work. Clerics and religious brothers, if they did not want to leave the religious life, went also through the forced labor camps, and eventually to manual work on their own. A similar fate met the female religious congregations. There were 3,548 religious sisters in Slovakia, living in 210 convents. The convents were suppressed in August, 1950, and the sisters were forced to leave the religious life. If they refused, they were sent to work without any salary in forced labor camps, collective farms, or various state plants.

". . . The Communist control can be said to be twofold: public control and secret control of activities of the church. By public control, I mean the antichurch laws of 1949.

"Besides, they have secret control of the church. Spies attend every ceremony. They trail priests and bishops wherever they go."

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Concerning Communist persecution of church groups in Red China, Rev. Peter Chu Pong, general secretary of the Hong Kong International Christian Leadership, testified before the Committee on Un-American Activities in March, 1959, as follows:

". . . They (the Communists) formed an indoctrination class in the assembly hall of our church. For 2 weeks they worked on the members of my church, brainwashing them into accusing me of being an imperialist agent and a running dog of the missionaries. . .

"From morning to night they taught my church members all about communism. They indoctrinated our people along three major points: 1. They entirely denied there is a living God which exists in this universe. They told the people the whole universe was created through evolution. 2. They denied Lord Jesus and His salvation. They told the people that Jesus Christ was just a common carpenter, that the people had crucified him because he wanted to lead the people in counter-revolution work. 3. They told the people that Christianity

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is a religious instrument of the foreign imperialists to poison our Chinese people and sell them into slavery.

". . . They held an accusation meeting to accuse me, my wife, and the elders and deacons in our church of being imperialists. They tied our hands with long rope and forced us to kneel on the platform in our church assembly hall with signs around our necks which said 'Guilty Crime.' They slapped our faces, kicked our bodies, and poured cold water on our heads. They made my children stand and watch. If they cried, the Communists beat them. They wanted me to confess that I was an imperialist agent and reveal the amounts of money I was supposed to have received from the missionaries. They wanted me to tell what kind of guns and radios the missionaries had given to me. They accused me of helping twelve missionaries escape from Nanking before the Communists came. They wanted me to reject Christ, give up my church, and admit that the only God was Mao Tse-tung, head of the Communist government.

". . . If I had confessed they would have killed me immediately. They were going to put me into prison anyway."

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Under date of October 20, 1959, Moiselle Clinger, former undercover agent for the F.B.I. who served in the Communist Party, testified as follows:

"Question: What was the practice of the Communist Party during the period of your membership with regard to assigning people to work in mass organizations?

"Mrs. Clinger: Almost everyone was assigned to some type of a mass organization. Now, there may have been something that they were interested in. I mean, they were all in some group that they may have belonged to, but if you didn't belong, you were told where or what to join. I remember the churches. There was one period where they felt it was quite necessary that different people join different churches, and for ---

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"Question: ... Now, if you will recall other assignments, you spoke of assignments in church work. Do you know of anyone who received such an assignment who was known to you personally to be a member of the Communist Party?

"Mrs. Clinger: Yes. The same O. E. Burrell, I know, did quite a bit. I know that he belonged to the church in Santa Monica, and to me this was kind of an odd thing, and to many of the old-timers in the Communist Party it was kind of earth shaking to have to go into a church. I noticed it was mostly the younger -- I wouldn't say younger, I mean the newer -- members that they were able to do this with. I noticed it was not the older members, long-standing members who were too interested in taking on this task of going into the churches to work.

"I know my husband was asked to join a church, and I frowned on this, so

that he was not pushed to go ahead with this."

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A few months ago Mrs. Dorothy Healey, a member of the National Committee of the Communist Party, reported in a convention speech respecting the activities of the Communists of Southern California, in part, as follows:

"\* \* \* Communists \* \* \* are working in community organizations, fraternal organizations or churches \* \* \*

"A further expression of the way to develop and consolidate the antimonopoly alliance, is through our participation in activating the program of the people's organizations to which we belong \* \* \*"

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Marion Miller, former undercover agent for the F.B.I., testified before the Committee on Un-American Activities on October 21, 1959 as follows:

"Mrs. Miller: ... these people carry out this Communist propaganda and the work of the Party no matter where they are because this is their duty, to promote Communism wherever they are, whatever time it might be. They live, and breathe as Communists, and in whatever organization they go into, I can't emphasize this too strongly, whether in a trade union or in a fraternal organization, or in a religious group, in a church, wherever it may be. The duty of a Communist is to carry out the Communist program."

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Miss Carol Bayme, San Diego native and resident, appeared before the Committee on Un-American Activities in public session on April 21, 1954. She became a Communist sympathizer late in 1948, and joined the Communist Party early in 1949. She testified that she probably was dropped from Party rolls sometime in 1951 at her request, and that she made an effort to re-join the Party in February, 1954. She testified as follows:

"Question: Were you given instructions at any time by the Communist Party as to the attitude that should be taken by Communists toward religion or towards religious groups?

"Miss Bayme: Toward religious groups. I can answer that. I was instructed not too long ago, in hopes of assisting the FBI, when I tried to get back into

the party, I was instructed that I would have to join a church youth group, or a church, and become active in the work.

"Question: You were told if you came back --

"Miss Bayme: In order to get back into the party I would have to get into a church group and work within it and try to influence it."

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Rev. Joseph S. Nowak appeared before the Committee on Un-American Activities in public session on March 25, 1954. He was born in Lwow, Poland, on October 17, 1903 and was brought to the United States by his parents in June, 1906.

In the course of his testimony, Rev. Nowak admitted that in 1946 he formally joined the Communist Party. In discussing his associations with the Communist Party and its members, he testified that from 1934, upon his graduation from the Union Theological Seminary, until 1942, he was in charge of a small mission, St. Paul's Presbyterian Church, in Baltimore, Maryland. He testified that, while not a member of the Communist Party, he held an office in a Communist-front organization, the American League Against War and Fascism, knowing that its leaders were officials in the Communist Party:

"Question: Were you a member of the Communist Party while you were on your assignment in Baltimore?

"Mr. Nowak: No, sir; I was not.

"Question: Although you were not a member of the Communist Party while you were in Baltimore, did you collaborate with functionaries of the Communist Party while you were there --

"Mr. Nowak: I worked together --

"Question: And worked with the Communist Party?

"Mr. Nowak: I worked together with them; yes.

"Question: Knowingly?

"Mr. Nowak: As an official of the American League (Against War and Fascism); yes, and also knowingly. I knew that they were officials in the party."

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Herbert A. Philbrick was a member of the Communist Party as an undercover agent for the Federal Bureau of Investigation. Following are excerpts from his testimony before the Committee on Un-American Activities on July 23, 1951:

"Question: You have testified that you were active in various youth organizations in your church work. Did you continue to be active in your church work after joining the Young Communist League?

"Mr. Philbrick: Yes, I did. First of all, of course, I wanted to continue because I wanted to maintain my contacts with some healthy minded individuals; but beyond that, and to my good fortune, I was instructed by the party to continue my contacts and to continue my affiliations in all my normal groups.

"These instructions were also given to other members in my cell. . .

"Question: Who gave you those instructions?

"Mr. Philbrick: . . . I recall that in a discussion at the apartment of Dave Bennett we were given those instructions. I was also given those same instructions by Fanny Hartman and by Alice Gordon.

"Question: Was Dave Bennett known to you to be a member of the Communist Party?

"Mr. Philbrick: He was known to me long before I actually became a formal member myself. . .

"Question: From the instructions which you received from the Communist Party, did it appear, or were you led to believe, that in the field of religious activity the Communist Party was incompatible with any religious belief?

"Mr. Philbrick: Absolutely. We were taught that the socialistic theories of Marx had nothing to do with the idealistic superstitions of religious organizations."

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Earl Reno, former high-ranking official of the Communist Party, testified before the Committee on Un-American Activities on March 25, 1954 as follows:

"Question: . . . In the performance of the work of the Communist Party through the American League Against War and Fascism, and through the Ethiopian Defense Committee, did you utilize at any time the services of any ministers or any members of the ministry?

"Mr. Reno: Yes. We had two ministers who were particularly active in the American League Against War and Fascism and the Ethiopian Defense Committee.  
\* \* \* Rev. Joseph Nowak and Rev. Jack Hutchison. \* \* \*

"These two young ministers came there, said they had recently come from the Union Theological Seminary in New York, that they had been students of Harry Ward and intimated that they had some previous contact with the Communist Party and wanted to know in what way they could work. \* \* \*

"... they were assigned to churches in Baltimore; that they had previously done some work in conjunction with the Communist Party, I believe, in New York and wanted to know in what way they could do cooperative work while in the period they were in Baltimore. \* \* \*

"Then, in the meantime, I had had discussions with Leonard Patterson about the possibility of their working in the Ethiopian Defense Committee, and at the second meeting with them I suggested they work both with the American League Against War and Fascism and the Ethiopian Defense Committee, and they did. They became members of these two organizations and participated. \* \* \*

"Question: Did they advise you at any time that they were not members of the Communist Party?

"Mr. Reno: No. There were times when they asked the advisability of joining the Communist Party, which I advised them against, and at one point Dr. Albert Blumberg came and said one minister had asked the probability of leaving the church, joining the Communist Party. I said, 'This is ridiculous.' \* \* \* Dr. Albert Blumberg came to me to discuss the possibility of Reverend Hutchison joining the Communist Party, and at that time I said I didn't think it was wise and I thought it was rather ridiculous, and as long as I was in Baltimore I would not have accepted membership application from either of them.

"Question: Why?

"Mr. Reno: I didn't feel a minister belonged in the Communist Party. \* \* \* If a minister were identified as a member of the Communist Party, his use in the Communist Party at that time would have been nil. In my own words, an unemployed minister of the Communist Party has no value.

"Second, I felt ideologically the training for the ministry inevitably comes in conflict with the ideological training of the Communist, that if they did join they would inevitably come in conflict with it and, therefore, they would be of much more use not being members of the Communist Party than if they were members.

"Question: You mean use to the Communist Party?

"Mr. Reno: That's right.

"Question: I gather in your position as a functionary of the Communist Party it was your feeling you could put ministers to a much better use if they were not members of the party than if they became members of the Communist Party?

"Mr. Reno: That is correct."

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Mrs. Anita Bell Schneider, a native of California, appeared before the House Committee on Un-American Activities in public hearings in June and July of 1955. She had served 17 months as a control-tower operator in the WAVES during 1944 and 1945; attended San Diego State Teachers College in the following few years, receiving a bachelor's degree in sociology and economics; worked for Deputy Sheriff Robert Newsom from February, 1951 to August, 1951 when she became an undercover operative for the F.B.I. At their request she joined the Communist Party in the summer of 1951. Most of her Communist Party work was done in San Diego, some in Los Angeles and Sacramento and a little in Chicago. Her major Party assignment was to become chairman of the San Diego Peace Forum. Other assignments included membership on the county central committee of the Independent Progressive Party; service as secretary of the State Independent Progressive Party Convention in Chicago, 1952; and as secretary of the women's division of the Independent Progressive Party.

In her testimony on June 27, 1955, Mrs. Schneider stated that the Communists, recognizing the universal desire for peace, felt that attaching the word "peace" to their efforts would aid in getting the use of churches to meet in, "we could involve other people and active church people. . ." She testified that she had been given literature to take the ministers of the two churches she attended in an effort to make them more active in the peace movement.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont

DATE: February 24, 1960

FROM

W. C. Sullivan

SUBJECT:

## INFORMATION CONCERNING (CENTRAL RESEARCH MATTER)

[redacted] called me at 12:05 p. m. to say he wanted to alert the Bureau to a request it will soon be receiving, quite likely today, from the Office of the Secretary of Defense. The request will relate to communist infiltration of churches in the United States and, in particular, the association between any members and leaders of the Council of Churches of Christ in America and the communist movement in the United States.

[redacted] told me confidentially that Secretary of Defense Thomas S. Gates, Jr. is receiving a very, very great volume of mail all over the country criticizing the Air Force for backing down because [redacted] pointed to the communist influence among American clergymen. The great volume of mail being received said [redacted] expresses the convictions of the writers that the Air Force manual was right in what it said concerning communist influence among clergymen. [redacted] told me that Mr. Gates is extremely disturbed over the matter and is of the opinion that there is only one agency in the country which would know the whole truth and that agency is the FBI. [redacted] went on to say that Mr. Gates has referred the problem to [redacted] who is the [redacted] of the Department of Defense. [redacted] he said, has the authority equivalent to Assistant Secretary of Defense [redacted] according to [redacted] will be contacting the Bureau very shortly.

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I thanked [redacted] for alerting us to the matter. He said he hoped that the Bureau would be able to render a constructive contribution on the matter because he himself is convinced from his long experience [redacted] and elsewhere that the American clergy has been tainted and influenced by the communist movement in this country and that this influence still prevails.

As you know, [redacted] has long been very friendly to the FBI and most cooperative with our Agents and Liaison Supervisors. Formerly he was [redacted]. He has attended our Liaison parties and has met the Director for whom he has the highest regard. We have no derogatory information in our files on [redacted]

CC: (6) [redacted]  
 - Mr. Parsons  
 - Mr. Belmont  
 - Mr. Loach  
 - Mr. M. A. Jones

- Mr. Baumgardner  
 - Mr. [redacted]  
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Memorandum to Mr. Belmont

Re: [redacted]

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On discussing this matter with Mr. A. H. Belmont, it was agreed that any call coming into the Bureau should be received, of course, with interest but circumspectly with no commitments being made other than to say that we will take the request under advisement and will get in contact with the appropriate official in the Department of Defense.

It is to be noted that the Internal Security Section is now completing a memorandum concerning communist infiltration and influence among the American clergy. This will be completed today 2-24

RECOMMENDATION:

For the information of the Director.

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we gave information to the Air Force on 2-17 per  
their request (copy of memo attached)

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TO: Mr. D. J. Parsons

DATE: February 23, 1960

FROM: Mr. A. H. BelmontSUBJECT: COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF RELIGION  
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The February 20, 1960, edition of the "New York Journal American" contained an article entitled "Review Ordered for Every Armed Forces Manual" which dealt with the Air Force Training Manual prepared by Homer H. Hyde, which charged that certain segments of the Protestant church have been infiltrated by communists. The Director inquired "What do we know about Hyde?" so let me see copy of govt publication 'Communism & Religion.'

The files of the Bureau contain no identifiable information concerning Hyde. If you desire, we could contact suitable officials of the Air Force through liaison to obtain background information on this individual. However, due to the widespread high-level interest in the present situation in which the Air Force has found itself, this action appears at this time to be unwise.

The publication "Communism and Religion" is undoubtedly the pamphlet entitled "100 Things You Should Know About Communism and Religion" prepared by the House Committee on Un-American Activities in 1948. A copy of this document is attached. This document covers a wide range of general subjects relating to communism and religion. You may be interested in item 61 in this publication which, according to press reports, contained warnings about communist infiltration of religion, which warnings were incorporated in the Air Force Manual. You will also note that the Director is quoted on the back page of this document.

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Mr. Hyde, 54, defiantly defended his pamphlet.

"I felt the manual could not be completely effective as a tool for combatting Communistic activities with which the non-commissioned officer might come in contact either on or off duty unless he had all the evidence of such activity available to him that it was possible to provide," he said.

Br. Maj. Gen. Robert M. Stillman, commander of the Basic Training Center, said "Mr. Hyde did deviate from



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AIRMAIL

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Texarkana, Texas

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Dear [REDACTED]

Your letter dated February 25, 1960, with its enclosure, has been received, and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

While I would like to be of assistance to you, the function of the FBI as a fact-gathering agency does not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. I regret, therefore, that I am unable to comply with your request for information.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

1 - Dallas (enclosure)

ATTENTION: SAC, DALLAS

Enclosed is a copy of correspondent's communication. Correspondent enclosed a self-addressed, stamped, airmail envelope. Bufiles contain no identifiable data concerning the correspondent.

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[redacted] has not been the subject of an investigation by the Bureau. Bufiles reveal that the January 15, 1948, issue of the "Daily Worker," former east coast communist newspaper, carried an article captioned "161 Protestant Leaders Ask Truman to Amnesty Communist '11." The article stated that these church leaders had, at Christmas of 1942, directed to President Truman an appeal for amnesty for the 11 communist leaders convicted under the Smith Act of 1940. One of the signers of the appeal was Reverend Professor Nels F. S. Ferre of Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tennessee. (100-3-57-137)

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Correspondent is head of an interdenominational committee, the purpose of which is to bring into the area nationally known inspirational speakers. [redacted]  
[redacted] has been invited to speak on March 14 and 15, 1960. Correspondent states that every leading minister in her city is supporting [redacted] however, there is a small local group which alleges [redacted] is a communist. She inquires if the Bureau knows of any reason why [redacted] should not be presented.

Very recently we had a similar inquiry from another resident in Texarkana, Texas. Bulet 2-25-60 did not advise that correspondent that the FBI had not investigated [redacted] since it appeared that any such reply would be used by the correspondent to refute allegations against [redacted] thereby involving us in a local controversy. Since the current correspondent is from the same city and is apparently referring to the same scheduled appearance of [redacted] it is believed we should be consistent in our replies and this reply is similar in nature to that afforded the prior correspondent.

Self-addressed, stamped, airmail envelope enclosed by correspondent being used in reply.

TRUE COPY

[REDACTED]  
Texarkana, Texas

February 25, 1960

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Hoover:

I happen to be the chairman of the Religious Emphasis Committee of Texarkana, an interdenominational group composed of nine (two have recently moved away) of the city's leading ministers, appointed by the Ministerial Alliance, of representatives from the United Church Women and of laymen from various churches here, the purpose of which is to bring to Texarkana and the surrounding Four States Area nationally and internationally known inspirational speakers.

Our speakers in the past have been [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] On March 13, 14, we are to present [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] at the First Methodist Church, Texarkana, Texas.

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Every leading minister of Texarkana is solidly behind [REDACTED] They do not agree with everything he says, but they are definitely in favor of bringing him to Texarkana.

However, in one small group not long ago, [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] was accused of being a Communist. I was shocked and refused to believe it. I still do not see how he possibly could be. However, I feel that I would like to know if you would know of any reason why we should not bring him to Texarkana. You may not feel free to commit yourself, but if he is known to have knowingly been connected with any subversive activities our committee would of course, want to know this, since we feel our responsibility both to the public and to God most keenly.

If you can advise me, I would be most appreciative.

/s/ Very sincerely yours,  
[REDACTED]

Ch., Religious Emphasis Committee of  
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI  
 FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (66-3451)  
 SUBJECT : AIR RESERVE CENTER TRAINING MANUAL,  
 NR. 45-0050, INCR. V, VOL. 7;  
 CONTROVERSY OF FEBRUARY, 1960

As the Bureau is well aware, the public press of recent days has contained numerous articles concerning statements contained in an Air Force Training manual for reserve non-commissioned officers. In general, the Air Force has been the subject of much criticism because of two points reported to have been made in the manual. They are (1) a description of the statement that "the public has a right to know what's going on" as foolish and (2) statements to the effect that the churches of this country are infiltrated by communists.

On 2/23/60,

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furnished SA [REDACTED] with a Verifax copy of pertinent portions of the captioned manual as well as a copy of a Special Issue of "U.S.A." dated 2/23/60 concerning this controversial manual and a copy [REDACTED] General Features Corporation syndicated column prepared for release on 2/23/60 and entitled "For Your Information - Two Sides to Air Force Story".

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Enclosed for the Bureau are photostats of the three items mentioned above. Concerning the manual, it is noted that the enclosed photostat is not the complete manual but only those portions of the manual which relate to the two points of controversy listed above. [REDACTED] obtained a copy of the manual from which she made the Verifax copies through a source of

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[redacted] also advised on 2/23/60 [redacted] had initiated an inquiry through the City Editor of the "Newark (N.J.) Star-Ledger" to determine the identity of the air reservist in Trenton, N.J., who had originally brought the manual to the attention of his pastor, as reported in the press. The "Star-Ledger" assigned [redacted] a reporter, to track the story down. According to [redacted] the reservist was identified as [redacted] a Sergeant in the Air Force Reserve, [redacted] who is employed by [redacted] in Trenton, N.J. [redacted] while looking the manual over, was puzzled by the statements made in the manual, particularly as they related to certain members of the National Council of Churches. [redacted] who was interviewed by [redacted] who passed the information on to [redacted] brought the manual to [redacted] of Grace Methodist Church, Trenton, N.J.

*No Recd.* Upon reading portions of the manual, [redacted] registered great concern over remarks made concerning [redacted] an evangelist, and DR. JOHN MACKAY, former head of Princeton Theological Seminary. [redacted] told [redacted] that he was personally acquainted with both [redacted] and MACKAY, that they were personal friends of his. He further described [redacted] and MACKAY as "great Americans with an international viewpoint" and as great Christian leaders.

*No Recd.* According to [redacted] had not intended to stir up any row over the manual but merely desired to find out if some of the statements made therein were true. He had further intended to bring the matter to the attention of the [redacted] a Wesley Foundation Student Minister at Princeton University, for discussion purposes.

*No Recd.* [redacted] reported the matter to his superior, [redacted] who in turn contacted the National Council of Churches in NYC. Representatives of the National Council then called the Pentagon, their protestations resulting in a public apology by Secretary of Defense GATES and his impounding of the manual.

[redacted] stated that she wanted the Bureau to know the full story concerning what she termed a "Cowardly act" on the part of Secretary of Defense GATES in withdrawing the manual and apologizing for it "before he had even read it".

Above submitted for information.

Newark advised by separate communication.

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*Memorandum*

TO : Mr. A. H. Belmont

DATE: March 4, 1960

FROM : Mr. F. J. Baumgardner

- I - Mr. Belmont  
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 I - Mr. W. C. Sullivan  
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The present controversy involving the Air Force and the National Council of the Churches of Christ (NCCC) revolves about certain portions of Air Force Training Manual NR 45-0050, Increment V, Volume 7. [redacted] a source of the New York Office, has furnished the pertinent portions. We do not have a copy of the complete manual in our files.

[redacted] noted Air Force reservist [redacted] Trenton, New Jersey, brought certain references to the NCCC and to members of the NCCC in this Manual, which he considered objectionable, to the attention of [redacted] Grace Methodist Church, Trenton, New Jersey, who in turn notified his superior, [redacted] [redacted] contacted leaders of the NCCC who protested vigorously to Pentagon officials concerning the references in the Manual. The files of the Bureau contain no identifiable information concerning [redacted] or Homer H. Hyde, who is the individual who prepared the Manual.

The Air Force Training Manual in question is one of a series prepared for the training of Air Force noncommissioned officers. This Manual is made up of lessons dealing with problems of "individual and group defense." The portion we are interested in is set out in Lesson 15, pages 14-20, captioned "Communism and Religion" and "Communism and Religion in Red China and North Korea."

The gist of the article entitled "Communism and Religion" is that there appears to be "overwhelming evidence of Communist anti-religious activity in the United States through the infiltration of fellow-travelers into churches and educational institutions." To support this contention, the article claims 30 of 95 individuals who prepared the Revised Standard Version of the Bible, a project of the NCCC, have been affiliated with various communist fronts, projects and publications. This information is taken from a pamphlet, "A Compilation of Public Records - 30 of the 95 Men Who Gave Us the Revised Standard Version of the Bible," prepared by M. G. Lowman of the Circuit Riders, Inc., which is an organization of laymen opposed, inter alia, to the policies of the NCCC. Of the 30 individuals, the Manual lists the following clergymen: Walter Russell Bowie; Henry J. Cadbury; George Dahl; Frederick C. Grant; Leroy Waterman; and [redacted]. We have searched the above names

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through our indices and have located data indicating past communist front activity concerning them.

~~See~~ The Manual mentions and sets out the following description of [redacted] "a Christian missionary of one of the leading Protestant denominations, is considered in the circles of the National Council of Churches to be one of the outstanding Christian missionaries.. Nevertheless, [redacted] according to the Manual, has praised the Soviet Union and its slave state and has reportedly stated in his book, "The Choice Before Us," the fact that "...communism loses sight of the individual in the mass is obviously untrue..." and he further wrote "...Capitalism seems to have the cheapest and most tawdry goal..." This latter statement was made concerning a comparison of Nazism, fascism, communism and capitalism.

Our files disclose [redacted] was the subject of a sedition case conducted by this Bureau which was closed in January, 1943. The investigation disclosed that [redacted] was considered by many to be a pacifist and a conscientious objector to war. The name [redacted] appeared as an endorser on the letterhead of the American Congress for Peace and Democracy, Washington, D. C., dated 12/7/38. This Congress, held in Washington on 1/6-8/39, was called by the American League for Peace and Democracy which has been designated by the Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450. (61-7582-1298)

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The communist front background of Dr. Harry F. Ward is also specifically mentioned in the Manual, which goes to considerable length to show that Ward was identified as a Communist Party (CP) member by Louis Budenz, that other former communists testified that Ward was assigned to a top policy-making body of the CP and that Ward, in a radio broadcast 5/21/46, stated the Soviet Union is progressing while the capitalist society is starving and going down. Our files concerning Ward disclose that he retired in 1941 from the Union Theological Seminary; has no present connection with any church; and is included on the Security Index because of his active participation in communist fronts within the past three years. (100-29509)

The portion of the Manual entitled "Communism and Religion in Red China and North Korea" deals with the testimony before the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA) of individuals who were in a position to comment concerning the communist operations in China and North Korea. It was pointed out family units are broken up in a communist society; there is a complete lack of morality and, generally, all individuals are treated like animals; the communists in China and North Korea have crushed religion except for the communist-run churches

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which are show places for visitors; and details concerning the above observations of communist tyranny were published in the Nation's press. The Manual observes that despite this exposure of communist tactics and activities, Dr. John A. Mackay charged in a United Press International news dispatch of 5/27/59 that "America is turning its back on untold thousands of Christians in Red China. Dr. Mackay called for the recognition of Red China..." The Manual indicates it is extremely difficult to reconcile the stand of Mackay on the admission of Red China with the fact he is a Christian clergyman and retired president of the Princeton Theological Seminary. Our files disclose Mackay is a chronic "joiner" who has been associated with numerous communist fronts since the 1930s and as late as 1/7/59 his name was affixed to a petition to abolish the HCUA which appeared in the 1/7/59 issue of the "Washington Post and Times Herald." In 1953 Mackay was reliably reported to have stated that he was not ashamed of any organization to which he had lent his name.

In conclusion, the Manual indicated that the reader, based upon the foregoing information, must be alert; must be careful to evaluate any conversation, speech, article, sermon or book if the subject touches adversely upon the American way of life. It called for the continuation of our belief in the dignity of man and the right of every individual to choose his manner of living, worship, his occupation--as long as the rights of others are respected.

ACTION:

None. For information.

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March 1, 1960

Mr. Marion T. Gaines  
Editor  
The Pensacola News-Journal  
Pensacola, Florida

Dear Mr. Gaines:

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DATE 11-30-99 BY 60267NLS/EP/BS

Your letter of February 23, 1960, with enclosure, has been received, and I do appreciate the thought which prompted you to write.

In reference to the inquiry by [redacted] the statement attributed to me on page fourteen of the booklet "100 Things You Should Know About Communism and Religion," issued in 1948, is correct.

Communism is interested in infiltrating all phases of American life. There is no institution in our national life which is immune from a determined Party effort to gain influence. Over the years, the communists have been interested in infiltrating religious groups, hoping to influence the thinking of clergymen, gain contacts with youth and hoodwink church people into supporting the communist line. At all times Americans must be alert to this insidious communist attack.

I am returning [redacted] letter.

Sincerely yours,  
J. Edgar Hoover

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NOTE: Marion T. Gaines is on the Special Correspondents' List. [redacted]  
[redacted] is not identifiable in files. Information originally came  
from [redacted] of [redacted] testimony, 3/20/51 before HCUA on communism.

It is also cited in "100 Things You Should Know About Communism and Religion."

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director,  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

Enclosed you will find a copy of a letter which we have received as a result of the late discussion of assertions in an Air Force manual that Communists have infiltrated American churches.

You will note the writer quotes you and further asks that we request the facts from you.

Will you please advise us if his quotations of you are correct and whether you have any comment on his assertions and those in the Air Force manual. I will hold up publication of his letter until I receive your reply to be used with it, if that is agreeable with you.

Very truly yours,

*Marion T. Gaines*

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Mr. Parsons

February 26, 1960

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NATIONAL COUNCIL OF THE CHURCHES OF CHRIST  
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(INTERNAL SECURITY)

Regarding an article entitled "Church Leaders Reply to Critics," which appeared in the 2/25/60 issue of "The New York Times," Mr. Tolson noted: "What do I know about [redacted] has Dr. McIntire furnished info to us? I think we should ask [redacted] for specifics."

The article noted [redacted] Park Avenue Christian Church, New York City, and a member of the National Council of the Church of Christ (NCCC) general board, identified Rev. Mr. Carl McIntire of Collingswood, New Jersey, as the individual largely responsible for the charges of communist infiltration of the NCCC which appeared in the new highly controversial Air Force Training Manual. The article noted the NCCC Board adopted a resolution declaring that the appearance of coded material prepared and distributed by any agency of the United States Government which attempts to discredit and create suspicion against the religious and educational institutions of this country is a patent violation of the free exercise of religion as guaranteed by the First Amendment of the Constitution of the United States and that the issue raised by the controversy is "How long the American people are going to allow various agencies of Government to continue the practice of treating false and phony charges lifted from confidential files as material to be seriously used as a basis for security decisions and for official indoctrination of Government employees." The article added that a spokesman for the NCCC said the reference to "confidential, after noon files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation," adding there was no question but the "McIntire group" and others had been responsible for "padding" unsubstantiated charges to Government agencies.

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Regarding [redacted] suffice disclose that in early 1945 a troth cover maintained on the Headquarters of the United Committee of South-Soviet Americans (UCSSA), 405 Lexington Avenue, New York City, made available names of individuals who were either on the mailing list of or in contact with, the UCSSA. One such name was [redacted] St. Louis, Missouri, (100-212109-122, p. 2). It is noted that the UCSSA has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450, Bufile 100-212109-201, p. 8; disclosure that the name of

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Memo for Mr. Parsons  
Re: National Council of the Churches of Christ  
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[redacted] of the Union Avenue Christian Church, St. Louis, Missouri, was, according to an article which appeared in the 3/1/45 issue of the "Saint Louis Star-Times," included in a list of names of individuals who were members of the newly organized "St. Louis Committee on Peace-Time Conscription," which committee advocated the postponement of legislation for compulsory military training until after "the present war." Bufiles contain no record concerning the "St. Louis Committee on Peace-Time Conscription." Bufile A7-13694 serials 15, p. 3, and 30, p. 7, disclose that [redacted] of the Union Avenue Christian Church, St. Louis, Missouri, was victimized into giving \$8 to [redacted] during the period when [redacted] was the subject of an impersonation case. [redacted] was apprehended by Agents of the St. Louis Office on 9/23/38 and in a signed statement admitted he victimized [redacted] along with others by using the story that he had to be back on board his ship by a certain time but had insufficient funds to get back. The 1958-59 issue of "Who's Who in America" shows that [redacted] was [redacted] of the Union Avenue Christian Church, St. Louis, Missouri, from 1938-1954 and has been [redacted] of the Park Avenue Christian Church, New York City, from 1954 to the present. His residence is listed as [redacted] and his office as 1010 Park Avenue, both in New York City.

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Reverend Carl McIntire is pastor of the Bible Presbyterian Church, Collingswood, New Jersey, which has no official connection with the Presbyterian Church in the USA. He was an organizer of the American Council of Christian Churches (ACCC) and the International Council of Christian Churches (ICCC). He is the current president of the ICCC which represents 64 Protestant denominations in 60 countries throughout the world. McIntire has been an outspoken foe of the NCCC and has bitterly criticized the Revised Standard Version of the Bible, which was a project of the NCCC. McIntire has stated publicly the communists are using the NCCC in the United States. He protested the exchange of visits between Russian and American religious leaders as well as the visit of Nikita Khrushchev in 1959.

McIntire has not furnished us any information except public source type material such as books, pamphlets and press releases issued by him, most of which attack the NCCC, other individuals and individuals with whom he disagrees. From a review of the material, it is indicated McIntire gives it wide distribution and it would be available to many others than the FBI. We have had cordial correspondence with McIntire in the past; however, we are aware of the controversial nature of this individual.

(rewrite of page 3 of memo  
Memo for Mr. DeBartlet to Parsons, 2/26/60 (JHK)  
Re: National Council of the Churches of Christ  
100-30869

cc Parsons  
Belmont  
W.C.Sullivan  
Baumgardner  
Kleinkauf

RECOMMENDATION:

In view of the above information, it is suggested that it would not be to the Bureau's advantage to interview [redacted]. It is believed that there is a strong probability that we would be injecting the Bureau into the bitter controversy presently raging over this religious issue.

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DIRECTOR, FBI

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AIR RESERVE CENTER TRAINING MANUAL,  
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CONTROVERSY OF FEBRUARY, 1960

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On 2/26/60, [redacted]

*ST* Bureau, furnished SA [redacted] a copy of an article which appeared in the "Newark (N.J.) Star-Ledger" on Sunday, 2/21/60, entitled "GI Who Set Off Manual Tiff Thought 2 Pages Too Rough".

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The article read:

"The Air Force Reserve sergeant who touched off the uproar over statements on communism in an Air Force training manual said yesterday he thought the booklet was a fine manual except for two pages in it."

"In an exclusive telephone interview with the Star-Ledger, Sgt. Paul Galanti of 708 William St., Trenton, termed the controversy over the guidebook's reference to Communist infiltration in the churches a tempest in a teapot.

"I don't see what all this to do is about", he said. "I just feel these two pages should have been left out".

"Galanti said that he had objected to two pages in the manual because he felt 'the Protestant clergy was being singled out for criticism among all religious groups. I don't believe they should do this', he said. 'It's too narrow'.

"Galanti said that the manual was to have been used last Wednesday night as part of his non-commissioned reserve officers course at the Air Force's local reserve unit in Trenton.

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"But I studied the lesson a week ahead of time," he said, and then brought it to his pastor, because you have to go to someone for verification."

"Galanti, an assistant Sunday school teacher at the State Street Trinity Methodist Church in Trenton (reairtel described it as Grace Methodist Church), said he showed the pamphlet to the Rev. Stanley McCleave (reairtel spelled his name Mc Cleavy) last Sunday morning after church services."

"Rev. McCleave told the Star-Ledger that he had advised Sgt. Galanti at that time that 'much of the material in this pamphlet is lies and taken out of context.'

"Rev. McCleave was especially critical of statements made in the manual about the Rev. Stanley Jones, a Methodist missionary, and Dr. John Mackay, former president of the Princeton Seminary.

"Rev. McCleave termed the two men 'outstanding Christian leaders and fine Americans with an international viewpoint.'

"Galanti said he thought Rev. McCleave was qualified to make this evaluation of Rev. Jones and Dr. Mackay. He added 'now I will have to make an attempt to read their original writings.'

"It was after Sgt. Galanti had shown the booklet to Rev. McCleave that the clergyman informed Rev. Garnett Phibbs, executive director of the Greater Trenton branch of the National Council of Churches, that the manual was in use.

"Rev. Phibbs then brought the matter to the attention of the NCC office in New York so they might lodge an official protest.

"Galanti, who installs long-distance telephone equipment for Western Electric, was born and attended school in Lodi. His wife is the former Lola Draper of Fries, Va. The couple has a son, Anthony, 13."

Above submitted for information.

# Memorandum

TO : MR. A. BELMONT *Attn:*  
FROM : MR. G. H. SCATTERDAY *gmv*

DATE : MARCH 25, 1960

SUBJECT: REVEREND DOCTOR EUGENE CARSON BLAKE  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

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The "Washington Post and Times Herald" of 2-24-60, on page A9, in connection with an article concerning the Air Force training manual, which was attacked by the National Council of Churches for its alleged statements concerning communist infiltration of religion, quoted the captioned individual in connection with this matter. The article described Dr. Blake as chief administrative officer of the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church and quoted him as suggesting "a broad congressional investigation of the material in the files and the use being made of it not only in the armed services but also in the State Department, the Civil Service Commission, the Central Intelligence Agency and the Federal Bureau of Investigation."

Bureau files have been reviewed concerning Dr. Blake and contain the following information. No investigation has been conducted concerning Dr. Blake, who was born November 7, 1906, in St. Louis, Missouri.

The "Daily Worker" of 10-6-55 quoted Dr. Blake as urging representatives of American and Russian churches to visit each other as a step in reaching a "just and durable peace." A similar article appeared in the "Washington Post and Times Herald" of that same date.

The "Daily Worker" of 2-14-56 carried photographs of eight individuals, including Dr. Blake, indicating the individuals contemplated visiting the Soviet Union. The Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, "Evening Bulletin" of 3-12-56 carried a photograph sent by radio from Moscow depicting Dr. Blake arriving in Moscow with a nine-man delegation of American Protestant churchmen. The "Philadelphia Inquirer" of 5-19-56 contained an article that Dr. Blake had announced that Christian leaders of the Soviet Union were scheduled to visit the United States in June, 1956, as guests of the National Council of Churches. (100-350619) *X*

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Memorandum to M. Belmont  
RE: REVEREND DOCTOR EUGENE CARSON BLAKE

A Washington City News Service release of 9-17-59 stated that Dr. Blake, president of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the USA, had charged the House Committee on Un-American Activities had abused the rights of "many a witness" appearing before it. He commented on the techniques used by the Committee; that it had failed to distinguish between allegations of disloyalty and proved disloyalty; that unsupported allegations had been disseminated by the Committee; and that the Committee had been confused as to the differences between disloyalty to our country and the holding of opinions which happened to be politically unpopular. (62-102561-58)

The "Washington Post and Times Herald" of 1-7-59 contained a petition to the 86th Congress to eliminate the House Committee on Un-American Activities and one of the signers of this petition was shown to be Dr. Blake. (100-429977)

The "New York Times" of 9-30-59 reported that Dr. Blake had told a nationwide group of Hungarian churchmen the previous evening that whatever their personal feelings were about the Soviet Union, they should encourage all possible communication with communist political leaders and the people they rule. He was quoted as stating, "I am always worried about those people who think that when a Christian talks to a communist it is the Christian who is going to be converted to communism and not the communist to Christianity." (100-350619)

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**Memorandum**

TO : Mr. DeLoach

DATE: 2-20-60

FROM : M. A. Jones

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SUBJECT: RADIO BROADCAST OF  
FULTON LEWIS, AT 7:00 P.M. ON 2-19-60

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On the evening of 2-19-60 radio commentator Fulton Lewis devoted part of his broadcast to the flare-up on the Air Force Manuals which is of possible interest to the Director. The following remarks are quoted verbatim:

"In the battle over the Air Force Manual and its mention of the communist leanings of the National Council of Churches of Christ in America, Chairman Francis Walters of the House Un-American Activities Committee has issued a new blast accusing Defense Secretary Gates of making a groveling apology without taking the trouble to determine the facts. He said that Gates would have done well to have investigated the facts respecting the bureaucracy which runs the National Council of Churches before apologizing, and he said further quote: 'The leadership of the National Council of Churches which fraudulently claims to speak for 38 million American Protestants has in the aggregate a record of hundreds of affiliations with communist fronts and causes. A world study conference held in Cleveland in 1958 under the Council's auspices went on record in favor of U.S. diplomatic recognition of Red China and seating that government in the United Nations. Not one word was uttered there against the inhumanities of the atheistic regime nor concerning its aggressive acts in which scores of hundreds of American boys were murdered.' end of quotation. I might say on my own that the so called world conference went fraudulently on record as claiming that that resolution was adopted by unanimous vote when in fact there was dissenting minority resolutions which protested violently one of them being from the Greek Orthodox Church. A trick rule was passed at the beginning of the meeting stating that if 3/4 of the delegates agreed to a motion it would be considered to be passed unanimously, if you please. And inasmuch as many tempests have blown up about this and the National Council of Churches itself brought the matter into the open, I think this is an excellent subject on which to do a comprehensive series and really dig out the full story from top to bottom. This needs to be done. This bureaucracy as Chairman Walters calls it has been running the National Council with the aid of such figures as Bishop G. Bromley Oxnam and Bishop Love and other affiliates with communist front organizations for much too long now and I am a practicing Protestant repeat it. These people don't represent me and I know very well that they don't represent the rank and file of Protestantism."

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Jones to DeLoach memorandum

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the Nation and when they represent themselves as doing so they don the role of frauds and charlatans and montebanks, and it is long past time that it should be stopped. They have the committees of Congress intimidated for fear some one will say that Congress is interfering with freedom of religion. This has nothing to do with freedom of religion. This is a question of a hand full of fuddy-duddy ministers and professional church politicians who are attempting improperly and without any real authority to use the church movement to their own ends and it ought to be stopped. I promised I'd have for you tonight the record of the head of this National Council, the Reverend Edwin Dalberg of St. Louis, I do have it, but I don't have time to present it so it will have to go over until Monday, but I will have it then ."

RECOMMENDATION:

For information.

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TO : Mr. D. J. Parsons

FROM : Mr. A. H. Belmont

DATE: February 27, 1960

SUBJECT: COMMUNIST INFILTRATION ~~ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED  
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Mr. Tolson, in referring to the Director's article, "The Communists Are After Our Minds" (copy attached), which appeared in the 10/54 issue of "The American Magazine," requested to be advised of the identities of the three clergymen, mentioned on page three of the article, and of current information we have regarding them. To provide the current data desired, we have gone back in our files to 7/54, that being the date when the data for the article was prepared.

There is set forth hereinafter the identities of the three clergymen together with a brief summary of their subversive activities since 7/54. Detailed memorandum on each is attached.

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Reverend William Howard Melish (Bufile 65-50930) ~~Declassify on OADR~~

The statements in the Director's article relating to Melish stated: "One concealed Communist minister, who we know is in constant contact with high-ranking Party leaders, preaches Red-slanted sermons to large congregations in an Eastern city, consistently praises Communist programs in speeches and articles which he writes, and serves as a mouthpiece for Red fronts."

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ON 5-12-83

Melish was born 5/11/10 in Brooklyn, New York, and was ordained in the Episcopal Church in 1935. While serving as associate rector of Holy Trinity Church, Brooklyn, New York, Melish's activities in communist front groups and particularly his chairmanship of the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship (NCASF) were condemned by the lay governing body of the Holy Trinity Church in 4/48. After a lengthy court battle, Melish was removed as an associate rector of the Holy Trinity Church on 4/4/49 and defrocked as an Episcopal priest on 1/30/58. Melish's current employment is the New York representative of the Southern Conference Educational Fund, which is under active investigation as a communist front.

Since 7/54, Melish has participated in the activities of, or has been affiliated with, numerous communist front organizations which we have or have had under investigation. These include the NCASF; Civil Rights Congress; American Committee for Protection of Foreign-Born;

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- 1 - 65-50930 (Rev. W. H. Melish)  
1 - 100-38808 (Rev. Jack McMichael)  
1 - 100-406142 (Rev. George Warmer)

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Memorandum Mr. Belmont to Mr. Parsons  
Re: Communist Infiltration into Religion  
100-403529

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(all cited pursuant to Executive Order 10450); the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee, cited as a communist front by the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA) in its "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications" dated 1/2/57. Melish's name is included on the Security Index in view of his continued association with the NCASF. A detailed memorandum concerning Melish, including his subversive activities since 7/54, is attached.

Reverend Jack McMichael, Jr. (Bufile 100-38808)

The statements in the Director's article relating to McMichael stated: "Another Red-fronting minister, on the West Coast, is making a play for the minds of young people by holding 'Youth Festivals' at his church and leading discussions which shed a favorable light on Communism."

McMichael was born 2/25/17 in Quitman, Georgia; graduated from Union Theological Seminary in 1942; received his Master of Sacred Theology degree from Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley, California, in 1944; and as of 6/58; was the pastor of the First Methodist Church, Atwater, California. As of 12/59, McMichael was editor of "Social Questions Bulletin," official publication of the Methodist Federation for Social Action (MFSA), cited as a religious front formed by communists by the HCUA in its "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications" dated 1/2/57.

It is noted McMichael appeared 12/9/52 as a witness before the Senate Internal Security Subcommittee and stated under oath he had never been a member of the Communist Party or Young Communist League (YCL), nor had he attended meetings of YCL. He likewise stated under oath before the HCUA on 2/30-31/53, he had never been associated with the communist apparatus. As a result of his HCUA testimony, McMichael was considered for a possible perjury indictment; however, by letter 10/13/55, the Department of Justice advised there was insufficient proof to sustain a case of perjury in this regard. *See (u)*

McMichael, in the past, has been associated with the American Youth Congress, American Peace Mobilization (both cited pursuant to Executive Order 10450), as well as numerous other communist fronts. Since 7/54, McMichael's principal communist activity has been in connection with the MFSA. McMichael was deleted from the Security Index in 1955 as his activities did not bring him within the criteria for the Security Index. A detailed memorandum concerning McMichael, including his subversive activities since 7/54, is attached.

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Reverend George Acheson Warmer (Bufile 100-406142)

The statement in the Director's article relating to Warmer stated: "Still another pulpit Red apologist recently told an audience: 'We must not make a holy war against Russia . . . The Soviets are not opposed to freedom in Europe or anywhere else . . . It is only Fascism to which they are opposed.'"

George Acheson Warmer was born 10/28/82 in Drayton, South Dakota. He received Doctor of Divinity degrees from Wesley College, Grand Fork, North Dakota, in 1909 and University of Southern California in 1941. He began active Methodist ministry work in 1912 and was pastor of First Methodist Church, San Diego, from 1940 to 1948, when he became superintendent of the Los Angeles District Methodist Church and executive secretary of the Los Angeles Missionary and Church Extension Society. Information received in 1958 indicated that Dr. Warmer died in about 1956.

In 1955 he was one of the signers of the Amici Curiae brief filed in U.S. Supreme Court in October, 1955, concerning the case "David Hyun vs. Herman R. Landon, District Director, Immigration and Naturalization Service." The brief opposed deporting Hyun, who was an alien accused of Communist Party activity. Hyun's case is still pending.

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For the Director's information.

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United States Department of Justice  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington 25, D. C.

# The Communists Are After Our Minds

by J. Edgar Hoover

DIRECTOR, FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

A new Federal law strips the Communist Party of all legal rights and privileges. This statute, designed to aid in law enforcement, does not mean that any of us can afford to relax vigilance against the conspiracy to influence our thinking. The Commies are still pursuing the devious and dangerous methods which Mr. Hoover describes in this illuminating article.

—*The Editor*

WHILE most Americans in recent months have been concerned over the advance of Communism on an international scale, not all of us understand the grim fact that Communists are still actively penetrating our national life. While there are less than 25,000 Communist Party members in the United States, they wield an influence far greater than their numbers suggest. From coast to coast, hard-core Reds continue to use every available technique, ruse, and artifice to capture the minds and control the behavior of loyal Americans, and, in a lamentable number of cases, they are successful in doing so.

Never a day passes that I do not receive reliable reports on Communist activities in many different parts of the nation. Almost no field of our society is immune to them. In the ranks of the concealed Communists today are labor

leaders, educators, publicists, doctors, lawyers, businessmen, and even clergymen.

To secure evidence that establishes the allegiance of those dedicated to the alien ways of world Communism calls for painstaking and arduous work. The secret Communist presents a special problem because he seeks to avoid provable law violations. But every American should wake up to the fact that the Reds in our midst are still very active, indeed, and are exerting power and influence in almost every field of thought.

Delegates, for example, from all over the country started arriving at a certain city for a large labor convention. They checked in at hotels, greeted old friends, and discussed the forthcoming convention business. Late in the day a taxicab drew up at a hotel and a man jumped out. He registered quickly and, without looking to right or left, went straight to his room.

That man was a high official of the Communist Party and he, too, had come to "attend" the convention. He did not register as a delegate or even as a visitor, and he did not sit in on any of the actual meetings. In fact, he was so afraid of being recognized that he never left his hotel room. Yet, as much as any delegate present he was kept aware of what was going on, and he played an important part in promoting Communist Party interests at the convention.

A few minutes after he had arrived at the hotel, we have learned, one of the top officials of the union, who was a concealed Communist, entered his room and talked with him. The Party official, who was obviously the "boss," gave the union man his instructions.

"Here's a resolution the convention should adopt," he said, and proceeded to dictate word for word a resolution which the union official was to present the next day.

"I don't like the order in which resolutions are to be introduced," the Party bigwig went

on. "Try to get this one acted on first. That will smooth the way for the others."

The visitor nodded his head obediently. "I think I can get them switched around," he said.

The Party official then took up other matters with the union official. He told him to find out if financial help could be given to certain pro-Communist groups from union funds. He ordered him to exert pressure to encourage a conference strongly favored by the Party. He criticized him sharply for allowing an individual whom the Party had characterized as a "Red baiter" to be favorably mentioned at union sessions.

When the union official went to the convention floor the next day, he did just what he had been told to do. But none of his fellow delegates, except a few other concealed Communists, suspected he was not what he appeared to be—a legitimate labor leader. The newspapers reported the decisions of the convention, and neither the public nor the vast majority of the union's members ever realized that several of the decisions had come straight from a top leader of the Communist Party.

That case is one of many in which concealed Communists have exerted influence over labor groups. Since World War II, when the Party made sizable inroads into American labor, patriotic union leaders have done a magnificent job of cleaning them out of many unions. But the Reds are still inflexibly determined to use the labor movement, and are continually trying to bore within both left-wing and right-wing unions.

You may wonder how, after all the publicity their methods have received, the Communists are still able to penetrate labor organizations and bend some of them to their will. The answer lies in the fact that most Party members today are tireless workers, have been trained in techniques of subterfuge and infiltration, and are willing to wait years, if need be, to achieve their aims.

In one large city with an industry which is essential to national defense, the Party arranged for ten concealed members to "colonize" key plants. The Reds, who are operating with such extreme caution that often their identity is not known even to one another, have been instructed to appear "just like other guys" on the job and not to display any pro-Communist leanings. Instead, they are under orders to promote personal friendships with fellow workers—including the most "reactionary"—and to participate actively in all union affairs, never shirking from the most lowly or onerous union chores.

Within two or three years, the Party leadership figures, these colonists will

have won groups of non-Communist friends in various departments of the industry—friends whom they can influence—and will have attained at least minor union positions. Then their activities will be "integrated" by the Party higher-ups in a bold move to seize control of the union or an important section of it. Experience has shown many times that a comparatively small number of determined Reds can dominate a large labor organization; and that is what the comrades hope to accomplish here.

Similar colonization we know is being done by concealed Communists in several other large industries where surface appearances might indicate there is no subversive activity.

**I**N ONE city, Party members were recently instructed to give up all leftist activities and affiliations which might place them under suspicion and to join a right-wing labor group. They have even been coached by Party experts on how to answer embarrassing questions which might be put to them by authorities.

In another city, Communists have been ordered to resign from well-paid jobs in one line of work and to take poorly-paid jobs as beginners in another line, because the Party wishes to penetrate the union representing that trade. Being faithful Party members, these Communists have taken their cut in income without a whimper.

In still another city, Party leaders decided recently that too many of their members were concentrated in one industry. They have provided a number of them with aliases and new Social Security cards, and have placed them in jobs in several other industries in other localities, where they will have larger opportunities to spread Red doctrines and to commit sabotage in the event of war.

These examples give only an inkling of the broad activities of Communists in the labor field. They are by no means as open in their manipulations as they were a decade ago, but there is hardly a large labor group anywhere which is entirely free of them.

In their unceasing efforts to shape the thinking and attitudes of what they call the "masses," the Reds have always devoted much attention to idea-molding fields, such as education, the press, radio, and television. Here, too, they are still dangerously active.

There can be no doubt that the great majority of American teachers are loyal citizens, yet a witness who formerly held a high position in the Communist Party recently testified that the Party has members at work in every kind of educational institution, from nursery schools to the universities.

For example, Communist teachers or fellow travelers are subtly persuading

children aged 2 to 5 not to believe in religion, and are poisoning their minds with contempt or dislike for other "capitalistic institutions." In one of many colleges where Communists are known to have taught, there was a teacher who tried to get over to his students the idea that "Communism is the only hope of Mexico." At one of our great universities a renowned scientist recently compared Christianity unfavorably to Marxism, and stated that "Marxism has that optimism which alone can build a new world."

Being good tacticians, the Communists realize that one concealed Party member in education may be worth a dozen in less strategic fields, and some of their more successful propagandists in this area have influenced, and are influencing, the ideas of thousands of impressionable young people.

There is the case, for instance, of an ex-professor who has addressed college students all over the country. Billed as an "expert" on Russia, and reputed to have once served as an adviser to the Russian Government, the professor is introduced to students as an unprejudiced specialist on international affairs who can give them a "clear" and "unbiased" picture of conditions in that country.

When the professor starts lecturing, however, everything that he says turns out to be an apology for the Soviet Union. The Soviets are misunderstood in the United States, he says. Russia is a peace-loving nation with no aggressive intentions. This country, not Russia, is the one which is wrong. . . . All typical Communist propaganda!

Most students who have heard this "specialist," and the college officials who have permitted him to lecture at their institutions, think he is an honest liberal. But in the FBI we know better. We have proof that he is a concealed Communist and we know that he is under direct orders of the Communist Party, USA, which follows the Moscow line. This scholarly individual's activities have been somewhat curtailed of late, but others like him are still assailing the minds of youth with Red lies.

**I**N THE publishing field, concealed Communists are not so numerous as they were a few years ago, but in some firms they still exert great influence over the printed word.

An editor, who until recently held a high editorial post in a respectable, non-Communist publishing house, provides a good illustration of this type of Red operator. An intelligent and highly educated individual, he had a wide range of contacts with writers, and played an important part in deciding what kind of reading matter his company would provide for the public. He used his strategic

position to promote the Communist viewpoint.

This editor was clever enough not to reveal his Red connections or to publish the work of known Communist writers. But he featured the writings of Communist sympathizers and fellow travelers, and encouraged non-Communist authors to prepare articles favorable to Party policies. At the same time, in reviewing manuscripts, he often suggested that pro-Communist material be enlarged upon, but asked that passages unfavorable to the Party line be eliminated or toned down. His work for the Red cause was thus both offensive and defensive. He avoided any open violation of the law, but it is not possible to even speculate on the thousands of readers who were deceived or misinformed by this one Red editor.

Other concealed Communists are operating in a number of other publishing concerns, large and small, and still other comrades play a part in deciding what goes on the airwaves.

To cite just one case, all the programs broadcast by a big television station in a Southern city are under the direction of a man with a record of Communist activities stretching back for more than ten years. A former labor agitator in the North, and a leader in Red-front organizations and political campaigns, this individual gave up his open Party affiliations when he moved South and went to work for the television station.

To most of his fellow townsmen he appears to be a patriotic citizen. But the front he puts up is a sham. He still has secret ties with the Party, and a small Communist club comprised of local professional people meets regularly in his home. He is too cagey to put any outright Red propaganda on the air, but, like the Red editor I mentioned, he is in a position where, by the mere choice of the material he uses, and the emphasis or lack of emphasis he places on it, he can subtly shape attitudes in a large audience.

CONCEALED Communists in the medical and legal professions are also being used by the Party in its efforts to capture the mass mind. In a number of communities, Red doctors regularly dish out Communist propaganda to their patients while treating their aches and pains, and they lend the prestige of their names to Red causes. Right now, some Red doctors also are providing needed medical care for Communists hiding from the law, and performing facial surgery to alter their appearance. Red lawyers, in addition to giving legal advice to comrades in trouble, are working in a number of communities to influence the opinions of public officials, including senators, representatives, governors, and mayors.

Even the clergy as I have said are not

without their undercover Reds. The Communists realize that religion is our strongest bulwark against the encroachment of Marxist doctrines, and in some instances are trying to attack Christian faith at its wellsprings by influencing or winning over ordained ministers as recruits to aid the Party.

One concealed Communist minister, who we know is in constant contact with high-ranking Party leaders, preaches Red-slanted sermons to large congregations in an Eastern city, consistently praises Communist programs in speeches and articles which he writes, and serves as a mouthpiece for Red fronts.

Another Red-fronting minister, on the West Coast, is making a play for the minds of young people by holding "Youth Festivals" at his church and leading discussions which shed a favorable light on Communism. Still another pulpit Red apologist recently told an audience: "We must not make a holy war against Russia. . . . The Soviets are not opposed to freedom in Europe or anywhere else. . . . It is only Fascism to which they are opposed."

OF ALL the mass techniques which the Reds are using to influence the minds of Americans, the Communist fronts are the most effective. A Communist front is any organization or movement controlled by the Party. It may be local, state-wide, or national in character; may be large or small; and may exist for years or only for a few days. But in every case the objective of the front organizers is to surround themselves with respectable non-Communists and use them to advance a Party program or spread Red propaganda.

In a Midwestern state, for example, Party headquarters recently decided to create a new front organization. It would be called the—Committee for Peace. The first step was to contact a doctor who, though known as a non-Communist, was willing to co-operate with Communists. He was asked to supply a list of "conservative people" who might be asked to serve as sponsors.

Interestingly, of the group of sponsors whom the doctor proposed, the Party rejected one. "This person," an official said, "can't be used." That was because he had once publicly attacked the Communists, and the Party officials felt he couldn't be trusted. They feared he might see through the whole sham and denounce the front, which would be what the Reds described as a "disaster."

But the other proposed sponsors met with the Party's approval, and intense activity got under way. Telephones jingled, doorbells rang, handbills were distributed, announcements were sent to the press, and a mass meeting was arranged by the "committee." At the meeting, pro-Communist speakers made

eloquent appeals for peace and disarmament, and implied, of course, that Americans were very foolish to be fearful of peace-loving Russia. The audience, composed mostly of non-Communists, was duly impressed, and so, no doubt, were many people who read accounts of the meeting in the local newspapers. Thus a handful of Party connivers were able to achieve a propaganda triumph by utilizing respectable citizens as their dupes.

Fronts like that are being used constantly in the name of all kinds of apparently worthy causes—to protect civil rights, to protest the high cost of living, to combat racial discrimination, to guard the rights of the foreign-born, and to advocate "true democracy." But, back of the scenes, Party members invariably pull the strings and manipulate the front to serve the Party's purposes.

In some instances they are so successful in doing so that they stir up nationwide agitation. A striking illustration of this was the "Save the Rosenbergs" campaign of 1953. The plot for this front was hatched high in the Communist Party, not with any hope or even desire of saving from execution Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, convicted atomic spies, but to serve five other Party aims:

- (1) To discredit the American system of justice generally;
- (2) To discredit the FBI, which had apprehended the Rosenbergs;
- (3) To add fuel to the world-wide "Hate America" program which the Party has been fostering since 1945;
- (4) To make it appear that the Rosenbergs were victims of widespread anti-Semitism in the United States, and thus obscure increasing manifestations of anti-Semitism in Russia and her satellite states; and
- (5) To divert attention from the fact that the spies had worked hand in glove with diplomatic representatives of the Soviet Union.

The Communists went all out to achieve these objectives, and the results provided a tribute to their diabolical skill as organizers. By appealing to non-Communist humanitarian and religious leaders in the name of "mercy" and "justice," they prevailed upon literally hundreds of them to join their "crusade," received a vast amount of front-page publicity all over the world, and even induced 6,000 persons—comparatively few of whom were Party members—to go to Washington and picket the White House.

They failed to save the lives of the two traitors, as they knew they probably would from the start, but they succeeded in making them appear as martyrs to thousands of good people, and won an impressive propaganda victory.

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**H**ow can a corps of less than 25, Communists exert so much power and influence?

One reason lies in the fact that they are assisted by a host of sympathizers and fellow travelers. It has long been their boast that for every Party member they control at least 10 other persons who are ready, able, and willing to do the Party's work. That this ratio still holds true is indicated by the readership of Red periodicals. While the circulation of the Party's two official newspapers, *The Daily Worker* and *The Worker* (published Sundays), has dropped to 10,443 and 28,822, respectively, total daily circulation of all American Communist organs, in both the English-language and the foreign-language fields, comes to approximately 250,000—just 10 times the Party's membership. And you can be sure that most people who read these Red periodicals regularly have strong Party sympathies, if they are not actual Party members.

Another reason for the effectiveness of the Communists is that they are well financed. For 30 years the Party leadership has fabricated tall tales about financial difficulties, to induce rank-and-file members to make larger donations to Party coffers. In 1945, for example, when the National Committee had a surplus of \$43,000 in its treasury, a desperate appeal was made to members stating the Party was in the worst financial straits in its history. These same poor-mouth tactics are used today, and many rank-and-filers think the Party is chronically broke. Actually, it has plenty of money at all times, and can raise much more when it wishes to.

This was demonstrated in 1947, when the Party raised \$1,000,000 in a few days to fight anti-Communist legislation, and again in 1948, when the Party dug up \$500,000 to fight passage of another anti-Communist measure, the Mundt-Nixon Bill. During the 9-month trial of 11 top Communists in 1951, the Party spent approximately \$7,000 weekly on their defense.

The Party takes in money regularly from dues and special assessments of members—it has been estimated that it costs about \$1 a day to be the humblest kind of Communist—and also receives a steady flow of cash from fund drives, investments, business enterprises which it operates, left-wing unions, and wealthy "angels." Surprising as it may seem, the Party at various times has received revenue from commercial concerns, including night clubs, a tavern, a used-clothing store, a stationery store, a leather-goods store, a co-operative apartment building, an automobile sales agency, a farm co-operative, and an import and export firm. Among its angels have been both self-made businessmen and heirs to fortunes earned in private enterprise.

One of the Party's first angels, a man who was born in Russia and made a fortune in this country in the jewelry business, made big contributions which helped send the Party off to a strong start in the United States, and other wealthy persons have assisted it financially ever since. A woman whose husband left her \$500,000 set up a holding corporation for the Party's benefit at one juncture, and two sisters who inherited \$330,000 from their capitalist father, supported the Party in their state for years. A rich clergyman who was converted to Marxism during a long illness, bequeathed over \$200,000 to Red causes.

**T**O DAY several wealthy individuals who are either Party members or fellow travelers help the Communists with large gifts, and many well-to-do sympathizers in business and professional fields donate smaller but still substantial funds. While the Reds profess to detest capitalism, capital is a tool they have always used extensively and are still using.

The most important reason for their continued effectiveness in many areas, however, is attributable to Party discipline and their fanatical adherence to it. To a dyed-in-the-wool Communist—and most of them today are dyed-in-the-wool—the edicts of the Party are supreme law. The Party member will lie, commit crime, or even break up his family if the Party orders him to.

Not long ago a Communist leader who the Party thought had fallen under suspicion of the FBI, was ordered to drop completely out of sight. He did so, not even telling his wife and children that he was leaving them, and emerged a few weeks later in another city with a new name and background which had been provided for him. He lived there with a woman Communist who, in turn, deserted her husband and children, on the Party's orders, to become his paramour. The fact that two homes have been wrecked to serve Party objectives means less than nothing to the ruthless individuals who direct its policies.

In the Communists' underground apparatus, which they have always had, but which was greatly expanded beginning in 1945, all kinds of skulduggery like that are going on constantly, and some of the devices they use would do credit to a lurid mystery thriller. Party members who are wanted by the FBI—or think they are—almost never appear in public in the daytime. Club meetings are held at 2 or 3 A.M., when streets are deserted and it is comparatively easy to avoid surveillance.

Certain comrades provide hideouts for others who have gone deep underground or into the "deep freeze," as they put it. Other Reds have become specialists in providing phony birth

certificates, Social Security union credentials.

Instead of using the mails or long-distance telephone calls, the Party today relies regularly upon couriers to carry important messages from city to city. These couriers always have some legitimate excuse for traveling. They are frequently spied upon by other Communists, as are all Reds who perform important missions or hold important Party positions. Nobody in the Communist Party today completely trusts anybody else.

Because of the many security measures and subterfuges which the Communists employ, it is not easy for the FBI to keep track of all their activities. It is obviously impossible for our 6,400 Agents to watch 25,000 of them every hour of every day, in addition to our other staggering duties. On the other hand, the security restrictions the Communists have imposed upon themselves have hampered their effectiveness in a number of ways. By going underground, the Reds have become more dangerous in some respects but less so in others.

What we need to do most about the concealed Communists is to be alert to the threat which they represent and aware of their undercover tactics. It is not necessary for anyone to become unduly suspicious of his neighbors. On the other hand, great caution should be exercised by anyone who thinks he has detected a concealed Communist. False accusations and careless insinuations can do more to destroy our way of life than to preserve it. Anyone who obtains evidence of what he believes to be subversive behavior on the part of another person should not jump to conclusions, but should at once turn over his evidence to the FBI.

We must all realize that the Red conspirators in our midst still constitute a very grave menace. They continue to wage a relentless campaign to pervert our thinking and undermine our freedoms. Their principal weapons are deceit, stealth, sham, and trickery. To defeat them, we must recognize them as diabolically skillful enemies, understand their methods, and be eternally vigilant.

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WILLIAM HOWARD MELISH  
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William Howard Melish, clergyman, resides at 905 St. Marks Avenue, Brooklyn, New York, and is employed as the New York representative of the Southern Conference Educational Fund.\* He was born 5-11-10 in Brooklyn, New York, where he graduated from Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute in 1927. Melish graduated from Harvard University in 1931 and attended Union Theological Seminary, New York City, in 1932. He has reportedly studied theology at Cambridge University in England and at the Cambridge, Massachusetts, Episcopal Theological Seminary.<sup>u</sup>

Melish was ordained a deacon in the Episcopal church, Cincinnati, Ohio, in 1935, and as a priest in 1936. He served in the Cathedral at Washington, D. C., and at the Holy Trinity Church in Brooklyn, New York.<sup>u</sup>

On 6-14-39, Melish was [redacted] at Cincinnati, Ohio. He was arrested by the New York City Police Department on 8-21-43 while taking notes and making sketches of ships leaving New York harbor to form a convoy. However, he was released after interview when no evidence of espionage was uncovered.<sup>u</sup>

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In April, 1948, the outside activities of the Reverend William Howard Melish, associate rector of Holy Trinity Church, Brooklyn, New York, were condemned by the church's lay governing body. This body specifically objected to Melish's chairmanship of the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship and of his sponsorship and active support of organizations of similar leanings. Dr. John Howard Melish,<sup>u</sup>

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rector of the Holy Trinity Church and father of subject, defended his son's right to engage in extra church activity and felt that the action of the vestry and wardens was unauthorized. Effective 4-4-49, Reverend John Howard Melish was removed from the rectorship of the Holy Trinity Church and his son's tenure as associate rector was also terminated. After prolonged court action, William Howard Melish was finally ousted as a priest from the Holy Trinity Church on 1-30-58. u

Communist Sympathies

William Howard Melish has been a sponsor of, or has been active in, or has spoken before, more than a score of Communist Party (CP) front groups. When interviewed on 8-21-43, Melish advised that although he was a liberal in his political tendencies, neither he nor his father were members of the CP. He believed, however, in many of the things that the CP stood for. u

Louis Budenz, former managing editor of the "Daily Worker," (defunct east coast communist daily newspaper) and self-admitted member of the CP prior to 1945, advised on 2-5-48 that Melish had never, to his knowledge, held a CP membership card. Budenz stated however, that in 1944 he was directed by the Political Committee of the CP to contact Melish and to discuss with him the possibility of his writing for the communist press and to also discuss Melish's attitude toward the entire CP program. Budenz said that prior to this interview with Melish, he was told by a member of the CP Political Committee that Melish was under CP discipline. u

Budenz then said he visited Melish at the Holy Trinity Church in Brooklyn and discussed with him the possibility of his writing for the "Daily Worker." According to Budenz, Melish agreed to write for this publication and did write an article on the Archbishop of York. u

Budenz further advised that he discussed Melish's relation with the CP and Melish told him he wanted first, to deepen his knowledge of the CP; second, to develop his association with the CP; and third, to further his friendly acquaintances with CP leaders. According to Budenz, Melish was very cooperative and friendly during the interview and as a result, Budenz reported back to the CP that Melish had been cooperative and would be loyal to CP discipline. u

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In July, 1954, Melish testified before the Subversive Activities Control Board (SACB). During his testimony Melish said he believed that under certain circumstances "a person could be both a Christian and a Communist." He said he believed the Soviet Government was democratic, but conceded it might sacrifice civil liberties to achieve its economic goal. He believed the communists wanted to change our form of government by "democratic, constitutional processes, rather than by revolution." At these hearings, Melish invoked the ministerial privilege in refusing to name individuals who had told him they were communists.<sup>u</sup>

Melish further testified that he had written two articles for "The Worker," (an east coast communist weekly newspaper) and on three occasions had delivered news releases to the city desk of the "Daily Worker." Melish said he was not paid for writing these articles. He also testified that he had signed a letter to President Eisenhower asking for clemency for the 11 convicted communists leaders and that he had appeared on speaking engagements with known communists on their behalf. Melish said he was opposed to the Smith Act under which the communists were jailed because it "involved persons on the basis of ideas; not facts."<sup>u</sup>

The 1-23-56 issue of the "National Guardian" (cited as accommunist publication in the "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications" issued by the House Committee on Un-American Activities dated 1-2-57) quoted Melish as saying on 1-15-56 "I'll support any organization that is for peace and that has a Christian objective. It doesn't matter to me if they are allegedly communist fronts or any other organization."<sup>u</sup>

On 1-15-56, the CP in New York sent many of their members to the Holy Trinity Church in an effort to help Reverend William Howard Melish retain control of the church against the orders of the Bishop.<sup>(S)(W)</sup>

At a reconvened Kings County CP convention held in New York City on 5-5-57, [redacted] to the convention, stated that his section had established contact with Reverend William Howard Melish and that they were working with his church to send an interracial group to Washington, D. C., on 5-17-57.<sup>(S)(X)(U)</sup>

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On 9-25-59 information was received that Reverend Melish had consented to act as parole advisor for Robert G. Thompson. Thompson was executive secretary of the CP, USA, who was convicted for violation of the Smith Act. He is presently serving time in prison on a contempt charge. (S)(u)

CP Front Groups

National Council of American -  
Soviet Friendship (NCASF)

(U) Each year from 1954 to the present, William Howard Melish has spoken before meetings of the NCASF as well as before the Chicago Council of American-Soviet Friendship (CCASF). The CCASF is the Chicago affiliate of the NCASF. The NCASF has been designated by the United States Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

During 1956 Melish attended board meetings of the NCASF and his name appears on the letterhead (1959) of the organization as a member of the board of directors. (S)(u)

Civil Rights Congress (CRC)

Testifying before the SACB in July, 1954, Melish said that he had been a member of the CRC in 1947. He was scheduled to speak at a CRC rally on 9-30-54, New York City, to "protest the passage of the Communist Control Act."

CRC has been designated by the Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450. u

American Committee for Protection  
of Foreign Born (ACPFB)

This organization has been designated by the Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450. u

"A pamphlet entitled "The Legacy of Abner Brown" issued by the ACPFB for the 27th national conference, 12/19-20/59, listed the subject as one of its sponsors. u

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At a meeting held under the auspices of the New Haven Provisional Committee for Protection of Foreign Born, New Haven, Connecticut, 5-8-55, Melish gave a speech and denounced J. Edgar Hoover and the Attorney General as being in favor of "witch hunts, loyalty oaths and the branding of subversive organizations." (100-358927-79)

In a speech given by Melish at a meeting sponsored by the Philadelphia Committee for Defense of Foreign Born, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, 4-27-56, he criticized the United States Government for "telling lies" about socialism and communism. Melish remarked that socialism and communism could not be held back and that church people should fight with the communists and not against them. (100-351846-113)

The New Haven Provisional Committee for Protection of Foreign Born and the Philadelphia Committee for Defense of Foreign Born were the New Haven and Philadelphia affiliates, respectively, of the ACPFB.

#### Citizens Emergency Defense Conference (CEDC)

In 1954 the subject's name was included on the printed list of executive committee members appearing on the letterhead stationery of the CEDC. The CEDC is cited by the Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450. (100-3-72-1519, p. 7151)

#### Emergency Civil Liberties Committee (ECLC)

On 6-15-55 ECLC was to hold four protest meetings under the caption "Must Teachers be Informers?" One of these meetings was to be held at the Holy Trinity Church in Brooklyn, New York, where Reverend William Howard Melish would speak.

Melish, on 5-24-56, spoke at an ECLC meeting held in New York City. The ECLC is cited as a communist front organization in the "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications" issued by the House Committee on Un-American Activities, 1-2-57.

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"New World Review"

On 10-14-54 Melish gave the prayer at a dinner held by the "New World Review," New York City. (61-7374-387)

Reverend William Howard Melish was author of an article entitled "Patience, Self-Discipline and the Long View" in the December, 1956, issue of "New World Review." This article was a reprint of the text of a speech given by Reverend Melish before the NCASF meeting on 11-13-56. (61-7374-1277)

"New World Review" is cited in the "Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications" issued by the House Committee on Un-American Activities, dated 1-2-57, as an organization specializing in pro-Soviet propaganda.

Religious Freedom Committee (RFC)

In a sermon delivered on 2-17-57 at Holy Trinity Church, Brooklyn, New York, Melish said he was one of five who organized and incorporated under the laws of New York State, the RFC, stating that their explicit purpose was in the education of the public concerning the religious freedom clause of the First Amendment and the defense of individuals deprived of the constitutional guarantees of the free exercise of religion. During this sermon, Melish accused the FBI of "invading the sphere of religion."

As of March, 1955, Melish was chairman of the Administrative Committee, RFC, according to the letterhead stationery of that organization. (61-3615-213)

A pamphlet entitled "False Witness" distributed by RFC contained a reprint of a sermon delivered by Reverend William Howard Melish on 3-27-55. This pamphlet attacked FBI investigations and congressional committees for using paid informants.

As one of the organizers of RFC, Melish spoke at a number of meetings from 1954 through 1958.

RFC is under active investigation by the Bureau as a communist front organization.

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Washington Jewish Children's School

On 5-11-55 Reverend William Howard Melish spoke at a meeting of the Washington Jewish Children's School held in Washington, D. C. (77-18531-41)

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This organization is under active investigation as a communist front.

Southern Conference Educational Fund (SCEF)

In February, 1959, William Howard Melish was approved as a fund raiser for the SCEF in the New York area. (100-10355) He is presently employed by this organization as the New York representative. u

On 1-30-60 Melish attended an executive meeting of the SCEF which was held at the Asbury Methodist Church, 11th and K Streets, Northwest, Washington, D. C. (77-10355-871)

SCEF is under active investigation by the Bureau as a communist front organization.

Educational Conference of the  
Teachers Union of New York City  
(ECTU-NYC)

William Howard Melish was listed as a guest at the head table on the program of the 22nd annual ECTU-NYC meeting held in New York City on 4-19-58. u

The ECTU-NYC is under active investigation by the Bureau as a communist front organization. u

World Peace Council (WPC)

An article appeared in the "New York Herald Tribune" on 4-30-56 which disclosed that Reverend William Howard Melish was one of four recipients of the International Peace Prize awarded by the WPC. In July, 1956, Melish received \$14,286 as the amount of his award. u

The WPC is an international communist front organization which had its headquarters in Vienna, Austria, in 1956. u

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American Labor Party (ALP)

Testifying before the SACB in July, 1954, Melish said he was then vice chairman of the New York State Committee of the ALP. u

At an ALP election rally held in New York City on 9-23-54, Reverend William Howard Melish gave the invocation. u

ALP was communist infiltrated to such an extent that it was taken over by the communists in it and became a communist front organization. It was discontinued in 1956. u

Independent Citizens Committee for  
the Election of Dr. Corliss Lamont

In 1958 William Howard Melish was one of the sponsors of Corliss Lamont for United States Senator on an independent socialist ticket in New York. u

Lamont, a well-known communist apologist, ran for the office of United States Senator from the State of New York in the 1958 elections. u

Wingdale Lodge

On page seven of the "Daily Worker" issue for 5-22-57 appeared an advertisement for a Decoration Day weekend at "Wingdale-on-the-Lake." This advertisement indicated that the principal speaker for this weekend holiday would be the Reverend William Howard Melish. (100-43795-A) u

"Wingdale-on-the-Lake" refers to Wingdale Lodge which is under active investigation by the Bureau as a communist front. u

Sponsors for Rally to  
Stop the Bombings

A press release of captioned group, dated 11-26-58, listed the Reverend Melish as one of its sponsors. This release called upon New Yorkers to "raise your voice to stop the bombings of synagogues, churches, homes and schools." The release listed the address of the Sponsors for Rally to stop the Bombings as Room 911, 160 Fifth Avenue, New York City. u

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Room 911, 160 Fifth Avenue, New York City, is the office of the Emma Lazarus Federation of Jewish Women's Clubs, which is under active investigation by this Bureau as a communist front organization. (100-400394-391) u

Miscellaneous

In 1954 Melish was a sponsor of a "Petition to Uphold Justice" which was an open letter to Attorney General Herbert Brownell. This petition urged the Government to end the unjust practice of using paid informers. (100-14078-75) u

Testifying before SACB in July, 1954, Melish stated that he attended receptions at the Soviet Embassy, Washington, D. C., at the Soviet Consulate in New York City, and at the headquarters of the Soviet United Nations Delegation in New York City. u

In November, 1954, Melish attended a reception at the Czechoslovakian United Nations Delegation in New York City; attended a reception at the Russian United Nations Delegation in October, 1955, and planned to attend the Polish United Nations Delegation in October, 1955, both held in New York City. On 11-7-55 Melish attended a celebration held at the Soviet Embassy in Washington, D. C. ~~(U)~~

The "Daily Worker" issue of 7-27-55 disclosed that Melish signed a statement expressing concern over the threat to civil liberties by state sedition laws and the appeal of the State of Pennsylvania to the Supreme Court concerning the Court's reversal of Steve Nelson's conviction following a sedition trial. u

Present Status

William Howard Melish is currently on the Security Index because of his continued participation in the activities of the NCASF.

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REVEREND JACK RICHARD MC MICHAEL, JR.  
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Jack Richard McMichael, Jr., was born February 25, 1917, in Quitman, Georgia. He attended Quitman, Georgia, High School, from 1929 to 1933 and graduated from Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia, in 1937, receiving an A. B. degree. From September 27, 1939, to May 19, 1942, he attended Union Theological Seminary, New York City, and received a Bachelor of Divinity degree from that school. His thesis for his senior year at the Union Theological Seminary was entitled "Marx's View of Man; A Christian Interpretation." While attending the Union Theological Seminary, McMichael married [redacted] on September 5, 1940, at Pleasantville, New York. She was born [redacted] at [redacted]. Her parents were born in the United States. After his graduation from Union Theological Seminary, McMichael attended the Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley, California, from 1942 to 1944 and received his Master of Sacred Theology degree. In March, 1959, the Huntington Library records at San Marino, California, disclosed that McMichael was doing work at the library on his Doctor's degree while attending Pomona College, School of Religion, at Claremont, California. u

On November 13, 1942, McMichael entered on duty with the United States Maritime Service in Alameda, California, where he acted as Protestant chaplain and remained at that location until December 27, 1944, when he was disenrolled at his own request. Shortly after he left the United States u

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Maritime Service, he became active as executive secretary of the Methodist Federation for Social Action with offices at 150 Fifth Avenue, New York City. On June 15, 1953, McMichael changed his residence from 166 Twin Lane North, Wantagh, New York, to Post Office Box 276, Upper Lake, California. Also in June, 1953, McMichael became Pastor of the Community Methodist Church, Upper Lake, California. During the Summer of 1955 McMichael became the Pastor of the First Methodist Church at Atwater, California, and as of June, 1958, McMichael still resided at 1561 First Street, Atwater, California. In December, 1959, McMichael was still associated with the Methodist Federation for Social Action in the capacity of editor of its organ, "Social Questions Bulletin." The Methodist Federation for Social Action has been cited by the House Committee on Un-American Activities as a communist front organization in its Guide to Subversive Organizations and Publications dated January 2, 1957.

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#### SUBVERSIVE RAMIFICATIONS

#### FBI Investigations

In 1941 investigation was first instituted concerning McMichael primarily because of his activity in the American Youth Congress. This organization has been cited by the Attorney General under Executive Order 10450. The investigation of McMichael continued for many years resulting in a present case file of twelve sections. On September 8, 1955, McMichael's name was removed from the Security Index because his activities no longer met the criteria for inclusion on the Security Index. The last investigative report submitted on McMichael was a San Francisco report dated October 20, 1955.

Testimony of McMichael Before the United States Senate Internal Security Subcommittee on December 9, 1952, and Before the House Committee on Un-American Activities July 30 and 31, 1953.

According to the prosecutive summary report of Special Agent [redacted] dated March 5, 1954, at San Francisco concerning McMichael captioned "Security Matter - C,

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Perjury," on December 9, 1952, McMichael appeared as a witness before the United States Senate Internal Security Subcommittee and swore under Federal oath that he had never been a member of the Young Communist League nor attended any Young Communist League meetings to his knowledge. McMichael further swore that he never attended a Communist Party meeting and further denied ever having been a Communist Party member.u

According to this report, on July 30 and 31, 1953, McMichael testified as a witness before the House Committee on Un-American Activities. At this hearing McMichael swore under Federal oath that he had never been a member of the Communist Party, USA, the Young Communist League, the National Committee of the Young Communist League and that he had never attended meetings of the Young Communist League or Communist Party. McMichael further denied under Federal oath having attended the June 22, 1940, Ohio Youth Congress held at the Southern Hotel, Columbus, Ohio, and participating in a conversation during a recess in said conference with known communist leaders on the subject of how to spot FBI Agents in communist meetings. This report set forth the possible testimony of the following proposed Government witnesses to prove that McMichael perjured himself in making the above statements under oath: [redacted]

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Louis Rosser, Oliver Kenneth Goff, Maurice Malkin, Louis F. Budenz, and [redacted] (100-38808-158) u

Under date of March 17, 1955, the Bureau advised the Department that the then Assistant United States Attorney [redacted] Washington, D. C., had advised our Washington Field Office that the presentation of the case of Jack Richard McMichael, Jr., to the Federal Grand Jury had been postponed indefinitely pending consideration whether the facts warrant taking such action. This letter to the Department furnished pertinent information concerning Goff, Budenz, Rosser, Malkin, [redacted] who [redacted] had stated would be subpoenaed as Government witnesses if prosecution against McMichael was undertaken.u (100-38808-279)

On September 27, 1955, then Assistant United States Attorney [redacted] Washington, D. C., advised the Washington Field Office that the United States Attorney's office had recommended to the Department of Justice against prosecution of subject McMichael on a possible perjury violation as the Government could not produce the quantum of proof to establish a prima facie case of perjury on the evidence submitted.u (100-38808-434)

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Under date of October 13, 1955, the Internal Security Division of the Department of Justice advised that it concurred in the recommendation of the United States Attorney's office, Washington, D. C., and further added: "Hence no specific further investigation in this regard is requested. However, it would be appreciated if you would furnish the Internal Security Division with any information which may come to your attention which would be indicative of the subject's membership in the Communist Party." (QV) (100-38808-435)

Communist Front Activity

Jack Richard McMichael, Jr., had extensive connections with communist front organizations prior to July, 1954. The summary report of Special Agent Robert E. Farrelly dated February 2, 1954, at New York, sets forth information concerning McMichael's activities in the following communist front organizations each of which has been cited by the Attorney General under Executive Order 10450. McMichael was national chairman of American Youth Congress, 1939-1941; vice chairman, American Peace Mobilization, 1940; endorsee of Council on African Affairs' Program, 1945; American Council for a Democratic Greece Representative, 1946; supporter of National Conference on American Policy in China and the Far East, 1948; sponsor (1945) and board of directors (1946, 1947, 1949) of Committee for a Democratic Far Eastern Policy. McMichael was sponsor of Civil Rights Congress, 1946; National Committee to Win the Peace, 1946; Voice of Freedom Committee, 1947; Veterans Against Discrimination of Civil Rights Congress of New York, 1946. McMichael was sponsor of "Friendship Cargo" under auspices of China Welfare Appeal, 1949-1950; sponsor of Affair for Southern Negro Youth Congress, 1946; Chairman and sponsor of meeting of American Committee for Yugoslav Relief, 1946; Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee, 1944, 1950, 1951; Citizens Committee to Free Earl Browder, 1942; American Youth for Democracy, 1945, 1947; American Peace Crusade, 1951-1953; and American Council on Soviet Relations, 1941. McMichael signed petitions of the National Federation for Constitutional Liberties, 1940; National Council of American-Soviet Friendship, 1946, 1948, 1950; International Workers Order, 1948, 1951, 1952; American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born, 1940 and 1950; (100-38808-125)

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Since July, 1954, McMichael's communist front activity has been less extensive. His activity has been confined primarily to the Methodist Federation for Social Action in the capacity of editor of its organ, "Social Questions Bulletin." (u)

Methodist Federation for Social Action (MFSA) Activity

Portland informant [redacted] advised that on July 8, 1955, the annual meeting of the MFSA was held in California. Jack McMichael addressed this meeting at 9:00 p.m. on July 8. In his speech McMichael stated that it is insane to advance the proposition of armament for strength. He described the role of the MFSA as never more important than now. He pointed out that recent Supreme Court decisions favorable to certain persons whose loyalty has been subject to question, one of whom was condemned by "faceless informers", has vindicated the MFSA in the stand it has taken. According to [redacted] the finance committee of the MFSA met on the afternoon of July 9, 1955. [redacted] of the MFSA was [redacted] which included [redacted] for Jack McMichael for serving as editor of the "Social Questions Bulletin." (X)(61-3615-239)(U)

According to Portland informant [redacted] a meeting was held on November 3, 1955, sponsored by the "Oregon Federation for Social Action," which is the Portland Chapter of the MFSA, at 1910 N. E. Davis Street, Portland, Oregon. Its principal speaker was Reverend Jack McMichael. In his remarks McMichael told of his experiences as a witness before the House Committee on Un-American Activities. He boasted of how he had stood up to them and showed them up. He commented that "we" are the real Americans and they are the subversives. He stated that the "Un-American Activities Committee" not only destroys the rights of Americans but the laws of God as well by using paid informers to bear false witness against our neighbors. (X)(61-3615-302)(U)

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The March, 1958, issue of the "Social Questions Bulletin" listed Reverend Jack R. McMichael as editor of the "Social Questions Bulletin." (u)

Portland informant [redacted] furnished a copy of the agenda for the annual meeting of the MFSA which was scheduled to be held September 1-3, 1958, at St. Helena, California. Among the speakers was the Reverend Jack R. (X)(61-3615-302)(U)

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McMichael, editor, "Social Questions Bulletin," whose topic would be "Heaven and Hell in 1958." ~~(S)~~ (U)

On June 1, 1959, Dr. Irvin E. Engle, 14 West Central Avenue, Los Gatos, California, advised that he was a member of the MFSA and had been for some years, but until his retirement had not attended meetings for about the preceding ten years. Dr. Engle mentioned specifically that on two occasions he could recall in the last two years or so Jack McMichael had made statements indicating his disbelief in communism. Dr. Engle indicated that McMichael had possibly changed his views from his alleged sympathy for communism of some years ago. (61-3615-531) u

The December, 1959, issue of "Social Questions Bulletin" carries Reverend Jack McMichael as its editor with editorial office listed at Post Office Box 327, Gresham, Oregon. (61-3615-538) u

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Miscellaneous

On June 24, 1954, Howard Selsam, then Director of the Jefferson School of Social Science (which has been cited as a communist front organization by the Attorney General pursuant to Executive Order 10450), sent a letter to then Attorney General Herbert Brownell, Jr., transmitting the names of 197 individuals setting forth their view that "any attempt to suppress the teaching of Marxism in such an institution as the Jefferson School of Social Science represents a serious threat to all free inquiry." Among the signers was Reverend Jack R. McMichael, Upper Lake, California. (100-227027-509) u

[According to [redacted] of the Reference Library, Administrative Offices, Huntington Library, San Marino, California. on April 6, 1959, an individual identified as [redacted] had been given permission to study in the Reference Department of the Huntington Library from [redacted] in connection with reference work he was doing on Jack London. [redacted] a self-admitted former [redacted] on December 24, 1958, identified a photograph of [redacted] as a face he recognized as a [redacted] whom he had seen around MGB/MVD headquarters. According to ~~(S)~~ (U)]

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(U) [redacted] made the statement that he was having dinner on the evening of March 31, 1959, with Jack R. McMichael. According to [redacted] McMichael was doing work at the library on his Doctor's degree while attending Pomona College School of Religion. In connection with McMichael, [redacted] stated that one of McMichael's references, H. P. VanDusen of the Union Theological Seminary, New York City, had sent a letter to the library regarding McMichael. This letter indicated that VanDusen believed McMichael would be trustworthy. The letter said, however, that some years ago McMichael was thought to have "rather extreme left wing associations and I suspect he may be technically under investigation by one of the congressional committees." The letter from VanDusen stated that in recent years McMichael had returned to the active pastorate in the Methodist Church and VanDusen believed McMichael was performing devoted and valuable service. Investigation of [redacted] while on his tour of the United States failed to develop any evidence of espionage or other unauthorized activities. (105-75963-13, page 3) ~~(U)~~

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(U) [redacted] of Jack Richard McMichael, Jr.

A closing report of Special Agent [redacted]  
dated December 15, 1954, at San Francisco, concerning [redacted]  
[redacted] disclosed pertinent information  
showing that she under the name [redacted] was active in  
the American Youth for Democracy in California during  
December, 1943, and continuing into 1944. The American Youth  
for Democracy has been cited by the Attorney General pursuant  
to Executive Order 10450. The case file on [redacted]  
[redacted] discloses no specific information or activity  
since 1944. (100-411037-2) *u*

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REVEREND GEORGE ACHESON WARMER  
Bureau file 100-406142

In the Director's article, "The Communists Are After Our Minds," which appeared in the October, 1954, issue of "The American Magazine," it is stated: "Still another pulpit Red apologist recently told an audience: 'We must not make a holy war against Russia . . . The Soviets are not opposed to freedom in Europe or anywhere else . . . It is only Fascism to which they are opposed.'" This statement referred to Reverend George Warmer of San Diego.<sup>4</sup>

Background

*Summary*  
George Acheson Warmer was born on October 28, 1882, at Drayton, North Dakota. He was married in 1908 and had four children, including George Albert Warmer. He remarried in 1930 and had two children by his second marriage.<sup>4</sup>

Warmer received his A. B. degree from the University of North Dakota in 1908 and his A. M. degree from Wesley College, Grand Forks, North Dakota, in 1909. He received his D. D. degree from Wesley College in 1920 and another D. D. degree from the University of Southern California in 1941.<sup>4</sup>

He has been active in the ministry since 1912. From 1918 to 1924 he was pastor of the First Methodist Church of Bakersfield, California; pastor of the West Lake Church, Los Angeles, from 1924 to 1927; pastor of the First Methodist Church, Santa Ana, California, from 1927 to 1930; pastor of the First Methodist Church, Riverside, California, from 1937 to 1940; and pastor of the First Methodist Church, San Diego, from 1940 to 1948.<sup>4</sup>

In 1948, he became superintendent of the Los Angeles District Methodist Church and executive secretary of the Los Angeles Missionary and Church Extension Society.<sup>4</sup>

He has been a member of numerous church committees and associations. He was Grand Chaplin of the California

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Masons in the year 1924-25 and again in the year 1944-45. He was an author of numerous pamphlets on religion and was a book reviewer for "The Christian Advocate." Reverend Warmer resides at 727 Stonehurst Drive, Altadena, California, and maintains an office at 125 East Sunset Boulevard, Los Angeles 12, California. ("Who's Who in Methodism" for 1952, Library of Congress; 100-406142-1, p. 7) *u*

[redacted]  
Berkeley, California, was interviewed on October 24, 1958, by Bureau Agent [redacted] of Reverend George Acheson Warmer, had given [redacted] name as a reference when he applied for a position under the European Recovery Program. During the course of an interview, [redacted] said that Reverend Warmer had died about two years previously in Pasadena, California. He stated that Reverend Warmer had been a Methodist minister for many years in Pasadena and San Diego. (124-8848-11, p. 2) *u*

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Subversive Activity

Dr. George A. Warmer, retired, former District Superintendent, Methodist Church, Altadena, California, signed an Amici Curiae brief filed in the October Term, 1955 of the Supreme Court of the United States in the case of "David Hyun vs. Herman R. Landon, District Director, Immigration and Naturalization Service." The brief was in opposition to the deportation of Hyun. (Hyun came to the United States with his parents when seven years old and was to be deported for Communist Party activity. His case is still pending. His place of birth was not indicated.) (100-350180-34, Encl. p. 6) *u*

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : MR. A. H. BELMONT

FROM : MR. G. H. SCATTERDAY

DATE: March 3, 1960

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SUBJECT: RT. REV. ARTHUR LICHTENBERGER  
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REV. DR. ARTHUR MILLER  
REV. DR. BUCKLEY NEWELL  
REV. DR. FRED HOSKINS  
REV. DR. JAMES E. WAGNER  
INFORMATION CONCERNING

## SYNOPSIS:

"Washington Post and Times Herald" of 2-27-60 stated six leading American churchmen had accused Representative Francis E. Walter of the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA) of lying about communist infiltration of churches and demanded apology. Article identified captioned individuals as those involved.

Bureau files reviewed concerning captioned individuals, none of whom have been investigated by the Bureau and there follows a brief summary of the information set forth in the details:

Lichtenberger of New York, presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church. In a 1942 advertisement in "The Washington Post" his name appeared on an appeal to the President to grant executive clemency to Earl Browder; in 1943 he sponsored an organization which collaborated with a cited communist front organization.

Blake of Philadelphia, stated clerk of the United Presbyterian Church. In 1946 he urged representatives of American and Russian churches to visit each other; visited Russia in 1956 with other clergymen; in 1959 charged HCUA had abused rights of "many a witness"; in January, 1959, was signer of a petition to eliminate HCUA; in September, 1959, urged all possible communication with communist political leaders and people they rule.

Miller of Denver, moderator of the United Presbyterian Church, In December, 1959, after ten days in Cuba stated Castro was making genuine efforts to democratize country; communists were in the minority in Cuba; that communists failed to win any posts in recent election of labor leaders; and no communists in the Cuban Government.

Newell, Bishop of the New York area of the Methodist Church. No subversive derogatory information located concerning him in Bureau files.

Hoskins of New York, Minister of the Congregational Christian Churches and co-president of the United Church of Christ. Reportedly traveled to Russia in 1939; in 1943 in connection with "Red Army Day" in Bridgeport, Connecticut, he gave a prayer of thanks for the Red Army; in 1945 was one of the signers of an open letter published in a newspaper urging exchange with Russia of thousands of students, teachers, business

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|| people, etc.; in 1951 he signed a letter sponsored by a cited communist front organization.

Wagner of Philadelphia, president of the Evangelical and Reformed Church in America and co-president of the United Church of Christ. Visited Budapest, Hungary, in 1955 on religious business.

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DETAILS:

The "Washington Post and Times Herald" of 2-27-60 stated that six leading American churchmen had accused Representative Francis E. Walter (D-Pa.) of lying about communist infiltration of the churches and demanded he apologize. Walter is chairman of the House Committee on Un-American Activities. The churchmen also called on Walter to "retract his untrue statement against the churches."

The statements by the six American churchmen were the result of the recent furor over the training manual put out by the Air Force which referred to communism in religion.

There follows the identity of the individuals listed in the attached article who communicated with Walter together with information concerning them appearing in Bureau files.

~~SUMMARY~~  
Rt. Rev. Arthur Lichtenberger of New York, presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church. No investigation has been conducted by the FBI concerning Lichtenberger. The 5-11-42 issue of "The Washington Post" contained an advertisement sponsored by the "Washington Citizens Committee to Free Earl Browder" urging an appeal to the President to grant executive clemency to Earl Browder, then general secretary of the Communist Party, USA. Listed in the above advertisement was the Very Reverend A. C. Lichtenberger, identified as Dean, Trinity Cathedral, Newark, New Jersey.

An informant, who has furnished reliable information in the past, reported that in August, 1943, one [redacted] who was identified as a Communist Party member in Newark, New Jersey, acted as secretary of a group which planned to hold a meeting at the "Diocesan House" of the Very Reverend A. C. Lichtenberger, 24 Rector Street, Newark. The purpose of this meeting was to organize a mass meeting in Newark to further close cooperation between the United States and the USSR.

A printed program distributed at a meeting of the League for American-Soviet Friendship held in Newark, New Jersey, 11-23-43, listed the Very Reverend Arthur C. Lichtenberger as a sponsor of the organization. The League for American-Soviet Friendship, according to a source who has furnished reliable information in the past, functioned during 1943 in collaboration with the National Council of American-Soviet Friendship, which has been designated by the Attorney General under Executive Order 10450. (62-5-4719)

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Summary

Rev. Dr. Eugene Carson Blake of Philadelphia, stated clerk of the United Presbyterian Church. No investigation has been conducted concerning Dr. Blake. The "Daily Worker" of 10-6-55 quoted Dr. Blake as urging representatives of American and Russian churches to visit each other as a step in reaching a "just and durable peace." A similar article appeared in the "Washington Post and Times Herald" of the same date.

Russia

The 2-14-56 issue of the "Daily Worker" carried photographs of eight individuals, including Dr. Blake, indicating they contemplated visiting the Soviet Union. The 3-12-56 issue of the "Evening Bulletin," Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, carried a photograph from Moscow depicting Dr. Blake arriving there. The 5-19-56 issue of the "Philadelphia Inquirer" contained an article that Dr. Blake had announced that Christian leaders of the Soviet Union were scheduled to visit the United States in June, 1956, as guests of the National Council of Churches.

A Washington City News Service release of 9-17-59 stated that Dr. Blake, president of the National Council of Churches, had charged the House Committee on Un-American Activities had abused the rights of "many a witness" appearing before it. He also commented on the techniques used by the Committee. The "Washington Post and Times Herald" of 1-7-59 contained a petition to the 86th Congress to eliminate the House Committee on Un-American Activities and Dr. Blake was shown as one of the signers.

The 9-30-59 issue of "The New York Times" reported Dr. Blake had told a nationwide group of Hungarian churchmen that whatever their personal feelings about the Soviet Union, they should encourage all possible communication with communist political leaders and the people they rule. (Memorandum to Mr. Belmont from Mr. Scatterday 2-25-60 concerning Blake)

Summary

Rev. Dr. Arthur Miller of Denver, moderator of the United Presbyterian Church. No investigation has been conducted concerning Dr. Miller. The Washington Capital City News Service of 12-18-59 stated that Dr. Miller, moderator of the United Presbyterian Church, had stated after ten days in Cuba that Fidel Castro was making genuine efforts to democratize his country. He reportedly stated that he found communists in a minority in Cuba but warned Cuba might move to the left without

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the cooperation and friendship of the United States. He was quoted as referring to the "friendly, relaxed atmosphere" of Cuba and that it belied reports of tension. He was quoted as stating "...now a new day has come, and we should recognize it as a genuine, idealistic effort to effect the kind of reforms many western democracies have experienced in various ways." Miller stated he found many persons to be avowed anticommunists; that the communists failed to win any posts in the recent election of labor leaders; that the communist newspaper in Havana has the lowest circulation; and there are no communists in the Cuban Government. (109-539-A)

~~Rev. Dr. Buckley Newell, Bishop of the New York area of the Methodist Church. No investigation has been conducted concerning Newell and no identifiable derogatory information was found in Bureau files concerning him.~~

~~Rev. Dr. Fred Hoskins of New York, Minister of the Congregational Christian Churches and co-president of the United Church of Christ. No investigation has been conducted concerning Hoskins. [redacted] furnished certain records of "The Open Road, Inc., which included a list captioned "Who's Who of Russian Travelers - 1939." On this list, under the heading "Clergymen," appeared "Rev. Fred Hoskins, 42 Merchant Street, Boston, Mass. The United Church." (100-31230-5)~~

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The 3-7-43 issue of the "Sunday Worker" carried an item from Bridgeport, Connecticut, that the previous Sunday had been "Red Army Day" and a meeting attended by 1,500 people had been held at the Klein Memorial Auditorium to honor the Red Army and to welcome two Russian citizens. This article stated that preceding the meeting during the morning a prayer of thanks for the Red Army was given by Dr. Fred Hoskins, pastor of the United Congregational Church and chairman of the Religious Committee of Russian War Relief. (61-7562-A)

The 5-18-45 issue of the "Bridgeport Post," Bridgeport, Connecticut, contained a letter to the editor entitled "Peace Insurance" and one of the signers of this letter was shown to be Fred Hoskins, minister of the United Congregational Church. This letter urged the establishment of a new Cabinet office in charge of peace education; that we send thousands of students, teachers, business people, etc., to Russia and accept from them similar

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thousands. It also urged courses in public schools and universities in getting along with other peoples and cooperation with other nations in teaching like subjects in their schools. (62-86515-1)

A confidential informant of the New York Office on 3-30-51 furnished a four-page press release dated 3-28-51 on the stationery of the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born which was an open letter to President Truman urging him to order the Attorney General to discontinue the deportation drive. One of the signers of this letter was Reverend Frederick Hoskins, First Congregational Church, Oak Park, Illinois. The American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born has been cited by the Attorney General under Executive Order 10450. (100-7046-633)

A confidential source of the New Haven Office provided a copy of the "Russian War Relief Reporter" dated in March, 1952, published by Russian War Relief which revealed that Dr. Fred Hoskins was a member of the executive committee of Russian War Relief in Bridgeport, Connecticut. (100-37226-289 page 2)

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Rev. Dr. James E. Wagner of Philadelphia, president of the Evangelical and Reformed Church in America and co-president of the United Church of Christ. No investigation has been conducted concerning Dr. Wagner. Dr. Wagner was granted a passport to attend a centennial celebration of the Budapest Reformed Theological Academy at Budapest, Hungary, in September, 1955. Inasmuch as his reason for visiting Hungary was a religious one, it was not recommended that he be interviewed by Bureau Agents upon his return. Philadelphia indices contain no references to Wagner. (105-38586-2) *Re*

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## Clerics Accuse Walter Of Infiltration Lies

NEW YORK, Feb. 26 (AP) — Six leading American churchmen today accused Rep. Francis E. Walter (D-Pa.) of lying about "Communist infiltration of the churches, and demanded that he apologize.

The church officials also insisted that Secretary of the Air Force Dudley C. Sharp "repudiate and forbid reissuance in any form of the false and slanderous charges" contained in a withdrawn Air Force manual.

They called on Walter, chairman of the House Committee on un-American activities, "to retract his untrue statement against the churches."

The appeal came from leaders of the United Presbyterian, Methodist, Episcopalian, Congregational Christian and Reformed Churches. They have nearly 18 million members. In telegrams to Sharp and Walter, the six churchmen said Walter had "stated that the charges contained in the manual are true," and that Sharp has "testified he is uncertain whether the charges are true or false." The manual said communism had infiltrated American churches.

In reply, Walter sent back a telegram suggesting that the churchmen testify before the Committee on un-American Activities.

"Do you desire to appear before the Committee . . . in order to question the accuracy of the material which came from the Committee's files and which appears in the Air Force manual?" he asked.

"If you desire such opportunity we can arrange a time convenient to yourself."

Walter's telegram was addressed to the National Council of Churches in New York. The telegram to Walter was signed by the Rt. Rev. Arthur Lichtenberger of New York,

presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church; the Rev. Dr. Eugene Carson Blake of Philadelphia, stated clerk of the United Presbyterian Church, and the Rev. Dr. Arthur Miller of Denver, moderator of the denomination.

The Rev. Dr. Buckley Newell, Bishop of the New York area of the Methodist Church; the Rev. Dr. Fred Hoskins of New York, minister of the Congregational Christian Churches; and co-president of the United Church of Christ; and the Rev. Dr. James E. Wagner of Philadelphia, president of the Evangelical and Reformed Church in America, and co-president of the United Church of Christ.

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Times Herald  
2/27/60  
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ENCLOSURE

March 21, 1960

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[Redacted]  
Mansfield, Ohio

Dear [Redacted]

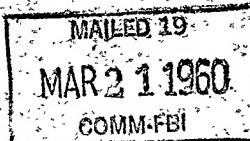
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Your postal card postmarked March 14, 1960, has been received.

While I would like to be of service to you, the function of the FBI as a fact-gathering agency does not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, organization or publication. Furthermore, information in our files is maintained as confidential and available only for official use in accordance with a regulation of the Department of Justice. I regret, therefore, that I am unable to furnish the information you desire, and I am sure you will not infer from my inability to be of assistance that we do or do not have in our files the information you have requested.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director



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AIR MAIL - REGISTERED

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM: SAC, LOS ANGELES (100-55887)  
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[redacted] advises a meeting was recently held of CP members who belong to churches and church organizations. This meeting was chaired by PETTIS PERRY, representative on Minority Affairs, who urged that CP work in religious groups be stepped up particularly in the Negro Baptist Church. PERRY asked that all church bulletins and publications be carefully read so each member would be acquainted with the church program and thereby operate more effectively. It was agreed that further integration in the churches is desirable.

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③ - Bureau (AIR MAIL) (REGISTERED)  
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UNITED STATES GOV

*Memorandum*

TO : MR. PARSONS

DATE: 3/9/60

FROM : A. H. Belmont

cc Mr. Parsons  
Mr. Belmont  
Mr. Baumgardner  
Mr. Sullivan

SUBJECT: BRIEFS ON

COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF CHURCHES, and  
COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF THE PRESS

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*Baumgardner*

Regarding the Director's request for two complete memoranda on "Communist Infiltration of Churches," and "Infiltration of the Press," these projects have been assigned to Mr. Baumgardner, of the Internal Security Section, and Mr. Sullivan, of the Central Research Section, respectively.

In view of the delicacy of these subjects, and the need to conduct considerable research to prepare these two briefs in complete form, we would like to have a period of two weeks to finish them. The assignments were made on 3/8/60, and the projects are under way on a special basis, and we feel confident we can complete them within the two-week period.

Unless the Director feels that it is imperative that we rush these projects, we will go ahead on the basis of a two-week deadline.

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Mr. Shaw

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FBI



00-46352-103  
March 23, 1960

Queen Street Methodist Church  
Queen Street and Peyton Avenue  
Kinston, North Carolina

Dear [redacted]

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Your letter dated March 14, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

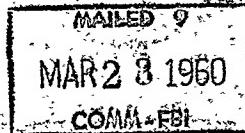
For your information, Mr. Herbert A. Philbrick was never a Special Agent of the FBI.

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[redacted] Since 1949 the FBI has had no control over his activities including any writings, speeches or radio and television ventures in which he has participated.

In response to your inquiries, the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. The FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and as such does not issue clearances or nonclearances. I can advise you, however, that the Methodist Church has not been the subject of an investigation by this Bureau.

In an effort to be of assistance, I am enclosing some literature available for general distribution by the FBI which may be of interest to you.



Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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Enclosures (9)

1 - Charlotte (enclosure)

SEE NOTE TO CHARLOTTE, PAGE TWO

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ATTENTION: SAC, CHARLOTTE

Enclosed is a copy of correspondent's communication. Bufiles contain no identifiable information concerning the correspondent.

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"News and Views" is a publication issued by the National Laymen's Council of the Church League of America, Wheaton, Illinois, and edited by Edgar C. Bundy. It is a monthly publication for clergymen, laymen and educators which purports to set forth articles relating to religious, educational, labor and political fields.  
(62-104576)

Bufiles reveal that Edgar C. Bundy is the general chairman of the Church League of America. He is a former Baptist minister who does much lecturing around the country against communism. Bundy is the subject of a closed impersonation case inasmuch as inquiries have been received by the Bureau indicating that he may have represented himself as a former employee of the Bureau in some of his lectures. Investigation disclosed no substantiation of the impersonation allegation. (100-458064)

The following items of literature were furnished the correspondent:

1. Statement by the Director Concerning the 17th National Convention, Communist Party, USA, December 10-13, 1959.
2. "Where Do we Stand Today with Communism in the United States?"
3. "God and Country or Communism?"
4. "What You can do to Fight Communism and Preserve America."
5. "Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion."
6. "How to Beat Communism."
7. "Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality."
8. "Breaking the Communist Spell."
9. "Communism and the College Student."

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent [redacted] of a Methodist Church in Kinston, North Carolina. He expresses alarm

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NOTE ON YELLOW, CONTINUED, <sup>2</sup>PAGE THREE

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NOTE ON YELLOW, CONTINUED

that citizens of his community have suggested that communism has invaded the Methodist Church and have started quoting Herbert Philbrick's article "World Order Study Conference - Moscow's Mouthpiece" contained in the 2-23-60 issue of "News and Views." Correspondent refers to Philbrick as one of the FBI's respected employees. He inquires as to whether we have any information that the Methodist Church is being used by the communists; whether we have information that the leadership of the Methodist Church is communistic, and whether we have any evidence that literature in the Methodist Church is being used for communistic propaganda. Correspondent also inquires as to whether the attack is part of the communist program.

## Queen Street Methodist Church

KINSTON, NORTH CAROLINA

14 March 1960

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Communist Infiltration  
into Religion

Dear Mr. Hoover,

For the past several months a group of respected citizens of my community have been receiving and circulating printed material, clip sheets, and memographed letters that suggest that Communism has invaded The Methodist Church. The suggestion is that many of our leaders are communistic and that our educational literature is both "soft on Communism" and promoting the communistic philosophy. Recently they have started quoting one of your respected employees, Mr. Herbert A. Philbrick (Mr. Philbrick's article: WORLD ORDER STUDY CONFERENCE - MOSCOW'S MOUTHPIECE, News and Views, Vol. 23 February 1960, Wheaton, Ill.)

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I am asking you for some factual information since the position of my church in the community is subject to being destroyed if these "so called" factual materials continue to be circulated among my congregation. If it is true, I want to know it. If it is not true, I want to fight for the preservation of my church. Do you have any factual information that The Methodist Church is being used by the Communists? Do you have any factual information that the leadership of The Methodist Church is communistic? Do you have evidence that our literature is being used for Communistic propaganda?

If the attacks are untrue (and I pray that they are) is it possible that these people who are attacking the church could be being used by the Communists to disrupt one of our basic American institutions and thereby weaken our National pattern of democracy? Is this attack part of the Communists program?

I know you are a busy man and have many responsibilities but this is important and I hope you will accept this letter as an urgent appeal for help. The religious life of my community is suffering and my people are asking for truth. I must have an answer. Please help me.

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With kindest regards, I remain

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1-Charlotte 100-403529-100  
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Sincerely yours,

[Redacted]

FBI - Kinston

1 - Mr. Shaw

March 23, 1960

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Butler, Ohio

Dear [redacted]

Your letter postmarked March 15, 1960, has been received, and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiries, the jurisdiction and responsibilities of the FBI do not extend to furnishing evaluations or comments concerning the character or integrity of any individual, publication or organization. The FBI is strictly an investigative agency of the Federal Government and as such does not issue clearances or nonclearances.

In an effort to be of assistance, however, I am enclosing some literature available for general distribution by the FBI which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

Enclosures (7)

1 - Cleveland (enclosure)

SEE NOTE TO CLEVELAND, PAGE TWO

SEE NOTE ON YELLOW, PAGE TWO

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ATTENTION: SAC, CLEVELAND

Enclosed is a copy of correspondent's communication. Bufiles contain no identifiable data concerning the correspondent.

The Bureau has never investigated the National Council of Churches (NCC); however, we have in the past checked with informants but did not develop any indication that communists influence the policies of this organization. In recent years the Bureau has received numerous inquiries concerning communist connections of the NCC and it has become somewhat of a controversial organization among various church groups. (100-50869)

The Church League of America has as its general chairman Edgar C. Bundy, a former Baptist minister who does much lecturing around the country against communism. Bundy is the subject of a closed impersonation case inasmuch as inquiries have been received by the Bureau indicating that he may have represented himself as a former employee of the Bureau in some of his lectures. Investigation disclosed no substantiation of the impersonation allegation. (47-39431)

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The following items of literature were furnished the correspondent:

1. Statement of Director Concerning the 17th National Convention, Communist Party, USA, December 10-13, 1959.
2. "Where Do We Stand Today With Communism In The United States?"
3. "God and Country or Communism."
4. "What You can do to Fight Communism and Preserve America."
5. "Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion."
6. "How to Beat Communism."
7. "Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality."

NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent requested material pertaining to communist penetration of religious and educational groups and also inquired as to the fundamentals of the NCC and the Church League of America.

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Please send material in public print about  
Communist penetration of religious and Educational  
groups. What are the fundamentals of the National  
Council of Churches? And The Church League of America?

Thank you ----

/s/

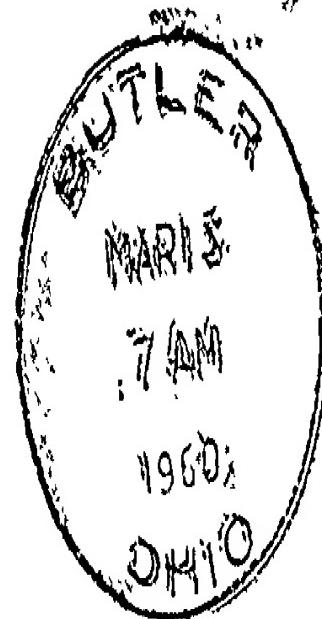
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Butler, Ohio



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J. Edgar Hoover  
F.B.I., U.S. Justice Dept. Bldg.  
Washington  
D.C.

Please send Material  
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The Church League of America?

Thank you

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March 22, 1960

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EX-112

Pentecostal Holiness Church  
113 Kendall Street  
High Point, North Carolina

Dear [redacted]

Your letter dated March 14, 1960, has been received and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

In response to your inquiries, I am enclosing some material available for general distribution by the FBI and would also like to refer you to my book, "Masters of Deceit," published in 1958 by Henry Holt and Company, New York City. This book may possibly be obtained through your local library.

The enclosed material and "Masters of Deceit" contain information concerning communism in America, which I am at liberty to disclose, and I trust it will be of assistance to you in connection with your inquiries.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

Enclosures (6)

1 - Charlotte (Enclosure)

SEE NOTE TO SAC, CHARLOTTE, PAGE TWO.

SEE NOTE ON YELLOW, PAGE TWO

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ATTENTION: SAC, CHARLOTTE

Enclosed is a copy of correspondent's communication. Bufiles contain no identifiable data concerning the correspondent.

The following items of literature were furnished to the correspondent:

1. Statement by J. Edgar Hoover Concerning the 17th National Convention, Communist Party, U.S.A., December 10-13, 1959.
2. "Communist Illusion and Democratic Reality."
3. "Communism: The Bitter Enemy of Religion."
4. "God and Country or Communism?"
5. "Where Do We Stand Today with Communism in the United States?"
6. "Communism and the College Student."

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NOTE ON YELLOW:

Correspondent is the [Redacted] Pentecostal Holiness Church, High Point, North Carolina. He requested an appraisal of the threat of communistic forces to our nation. He stated he felt church leaders should be informed of such dangers if they actually exist. He requested he be advised of any additional source where he might obtain such information.

It is believed that the enclosed literature and "Masters of Deceit" will answer correspondent's inquiries.

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CHURCH TELEPHONE 2-3615  
180 KENILWORTH DRIVE

PARSONAGE TELEPHONE 2-2028  
113 KENDALL STREET

# Pentecostal Holiness Church

[Redacted]  
High Point, N. C.

March 14, 1960

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director of Board of Investigation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

O Religion

In view of the many conflicting reports circulated by news correspondents, high military men and politicians relative to the serious and imminent threat from the communistic forces facing our nation today, I feel impressed to write you for your appraisal of the situation.

While I realize that the public is not prepared for the impact such unfavorable information would cause, I do believe church leaders should be informed of such dangers, if they really exist.

Any information you care to give shall be appreciated. Any source you would have me contact for additional information will also be contacted.

Yours sincerely,

[Redacted]

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with CC Charlotte  
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FBI - WILMINGTON

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

*for*  
*cc:* MemorandumTO : MR. BELMONT *above*

DATE: 3/11/60

FROM : F. J. Baumgardner *JFB*SUBJECT: BRIEF ON COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF CHURCHES  
(Internal Security Section) *into Religion*

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*K Brief*

There is attached for your information a proposed outline to be followed in preparing the brief on Communist Infiltration of Churches, as requested by the Director.

Briefly, it contains data relating to the controversy over the Air Force Training Manual; the communist attitude toward religion and churches (both internationally and in the USA); data concerning implementation of the Communist Party's program regarding infiltration of religious groups; charges of communist influence among US church groups and individuals; data relating to members of religious groups on Security Index; House Committee on Un-American Activities hearings concerning this matter; public comments of the Director concerning this matter; and conclusions for the Director's information.

We started work on this brief immediately upon receipt of the request, on 3/8, and have continued to handle it on a special basis. We will work on it over this weekend, and will continue to press hard in order to get it finished at the earliest possible date.

Enclosure  
FJB:CSW (4)

cc Mr. Parsons  
Mr. Belmont  
Mr. O'Connor

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## COMMUNIST INFILTRATION OF CHURCHES

### I. Introduction

Purpose of this brief is to set out detailed data concerning the church movement in the United States, the numbers of churches, ministers, churchgoers, etc., and the communist attitude toward religion in general and the communist designs upon American churches in particular.

### II. Controversy Arising from Air Force Training Manual

- A. Review of pertinent part of Manual dealing with religion. (Photostat of this portion will be included in Exhibit Section.)
- B. Data concerning charges made against National Council of the Churches of Christ (NCCC) will be set out. Included will be the specific charges made against the NCCC's action in preparing a Revised Standard Version of the Bible and the charges that 30 of the 95 individuals who made this revision have communist affiliations. (Results of our file review concerning the 30 individuals involved will be set out in the Exhibit Section.)

### III. Communist Attitude Toward Religion and Churches

- A. Statements by world communist leaders. (Included under this heading will be statements by such world communist leaders as Marx, Lenin, Stalin, etc.)
- B. Statements by leading CP, USA, functionaries. (Included under this heading will be statements by past or present functionaries such as Earl Browder, William Z. Foster, etc.)
- C. CP, USA, Programs 1940-60

(Specifics regarding CP, USA's program to infiltrate field of religion will be listed.)

### IV. Activity of the CP, USA, in Implementing its Programs to Infiltrate Religious and Church Groups

- A. National Council of the Churches of Christ  
(The history and background of this organization as well as CP interest in this group will be set out. A check will be made of the officers over the years and a summary of information concerning each will be set out in the Exhibit Section.)

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B. Alleged Communist Infiltration of other U. S. Religious Groups  
(List with suitable background, churches and church groups  
which have been infiltrated or controlled at one time or  
another during period 1940-60 by CP, USA)

V. Charges of Communist Influence Among Individual U. S. Clergymen  
1940-60

Prominent U. S. clergymen active in fronts and related organizations at the present time and in the past. (Background memorandum on these will be found in Exhibit Section.)

VI. Security Index

A. Number of individuals on Security Index affiliated with religious groups

B. Brief background on each  
(Background memorandum enclosed in Exhibit Section)

VII. House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA) Hearings  
Regarding Religion and Related Activities 1940-60

VIII. Public Statements by Director Regarding Communist Influences in Religion in America

A. Press media  
(Speeches, articles, etc., will be enclosed in Exhibit Section.)

B. Director's Book, "Masters of Deceit," chapter entitled  
"Communism - a False Religion."

C. Testimony of Director

1. HCUA
2. Senate Internal Security Subcommittee
3. Regarding appropriations testimony

IX. Observations and Conclusions for the Director Concerning Infiltration of Our Churches by the CP, USA

X. Exhibit Section

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : A. H. Belmont *ANB*FROM : F. J. Baumgardner *FJB*SUBJECT: ~~COMMUNISM AND RELIGION~~  
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DATE: March 15, 1960

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*P. DeLoach*  
*Baumgardner*  
*BRIEF*

Reference is made to the memorandum from Mr. DeLoach to Mr. Mohr dated 3/9/60 captioned "Committee on Un-American Activities, Air Reserve Center Training Manual 2/25/60" which enclosed a copy of a report issued by the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HCUA) concerning the hearings on 2/25/60 regarding the controversial Air Force Manual.

A review of the report disclosed that on page 1303 Richard Arens of the HCUA stated that thus far HCUA had found over 100 persons in the leadership capacity of the National Council of the Churches of Christ (NCCC) with either communist front records or records of service to communist causes.

ALL INFORMATION CONTAINED

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DATE 12-2-99 BY SP4 BJA/lsm

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RECOMMENDATION:

As you know we are presently preparing a brief for the Director concerning "Communism and Religion." It is felt we should have the identities of the individuals referred to by Arens in order that our brief can be complete in this respect. Upon receipt of these names, we would search them through our indices and files to determine what we have therein on these individuals and also to determine the periods wherein these individuals were active on behalf of the communist cause. Therefore, it is recommended that this memorandum be referred to Mr. DeLoach in order that he can contact his source at HCUA and secure the list of these individuals for us and if at all possible the subversive listings that HCUA has compiled for each of the individuals. This matter should be handled promptly so that we won't hold up our brief for the Director.

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- 1 - Mr. DeLoach
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- 1 - Mr. Baumgardner
- 1 - Mr. Kleinkauf

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1. [REDACTED]
2. [REDACTED]
3. John C. Bennett
4. [REDACTED]
5. [REDACTED]
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7. [REDACTED]
8. Walter Russell Bowie
9. [REDACTED]
10. [REDACTED]
11. Henry J. Cadbury
12. [REDACTED]
13. [REDACTED]
14. [REDACTED]
15. George Dahl
16. Edwin T. Dahlberg
17. [REDACTED]
18. Telford Dudley
19. Hubert T. Delany
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21. Frederick C. Grant
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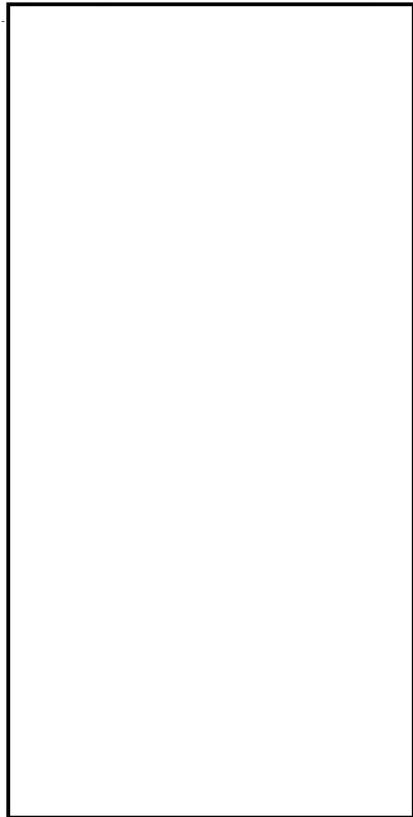
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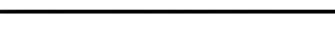
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47. G. Bromley Oxnam

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49. Clarence E. Pickett

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North Beach, Maryland

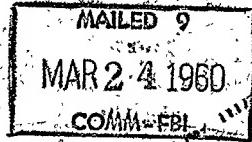
Dear [REDACTED]

I have received your letter of March 12, 1960, and appreciate your interest in writing me.

While I would like to be of assistance to you in response to your inquiry, the function of the FBI as a fact-gathering agency does not extend to making evaluations of individuals, publications or organizations. Furnishing data of the type you requested would, in effect, constitute an approval or disapproval of the group you named; therefore, I am unable to answer your inquiry. Please do not infer in this connection either that the files of the FBI do or do not contain the information you desire.

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With regard to the Air Force Manual you mentioned, this matter is not within the province of this Bureau, and therefore, I cannot comment on it.



Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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NOTE: There is no reference in Bufiles to [REDACTED] the search being limited to the State of Maryland because of the common name. We have had cordial correspondence with W. O. H. Garman mentioned in her letter and cordial relations with the American Council of Christian Churches. "The New Bible - Revised Standard Version - Why Christians Should Not Accept It" disseminated by Carl McIntire has come to the Bureau's attention previously, and we have had cordial correspondence with McIntire; (NOTE: CONTINUED ON NEXT PAGE).

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however, we are also aware of his controversial nature. The Maryland Petition Committee, Inc., of Jessup, Maryland, is an anti-integration group and [REDACTED] is mentioned in several places in Bufiles as being associated with this Committee. He is also mentioned as being a member of the Seaboard White Citizens Council of Maryland.

[Redacted]  
North Beach, Maryland

March 12, 1960

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

# Communist Infiltration into Religion

I am writing to you to ask if your office could supply me with any information regarding the Air Force Manual and the infiltration of Communism in our Clergy and Churches in the U.S.

I have a book, which I am sure you have too, entitled, "What Is Wrong with the Federal Council?" by W.O.H. Garman, published by the American Council of Christian Churches, 15 Park Row, N.Y., N.Y. In this book is the following quotation--"I confess to a real apprehension so long as Communists are able to secure ministers of the gospel to promote their evil work." Signed, J. Edgar Hoover.

It is my privilege to have another book called, "The New Bible R.S.V. Why Christians Should Not Accept It." by Dr. Carl McIntire-President of the International Council of Christian Churches and Pastor of the Bible Presbyterian Church, Collingswood, N.J. I trust you have this very valuable and truthful book, too. On pages 14, 15, 16, and 17 this book names names and tells what men wrote the Bible and how they belong to communist-front organizations.

Another piece of literature has been passed on to me by the Maryland Petition Committee, Incorporated, of Jessup, Maryland, under date of February, 1960, which states, in part..."J. Edgar Hoover, Director of the F.B.I. has warned the Senate Internal Security sub-committee that the American Communist party has been revitalized by the visit of Premier Nikita S. Kruschev to the United States. Although the 17th National Communist Convention, held in Harlem, New York a month ago, was closed to observers and the press, the F.B.I. Director gave Congress a detailed account of what went on there. Listed below are some of the facts disclosed by Mr. Hoover." (etc.etc.etc.)

However, kind Sir, I would like to have your personal and professional opinion, if you would, because there is a group of us, [Redacted]

[Redacted] of the Randle Cliff's Community Church, Incorporated, who are trying to fight this very thing. I am only a humble housewife and Mother of four children, Mr. Hoover, and perhaps you are wondering why I am working so very hard at trying to get to the true facts concerning all of this. But, one very important reason is because over five years ago [Redacted] was fired from a position with the U.S. Government, and, if you please, black-listed and marked, "Poor Risk for Further Government Service" because he would not compromise with a bunch of Communists. Don't anyone dare tell me, please, that Communism is not in our own government. And why not in the clergy and churches, too?

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J. Edwar Hoover

March 13, 1960

We have been fighting this for all of this time and up to this present writing have been able to make a few strides in the right direction in getting [redacted] name cleared and, you might be interested in knowing, that he now has an appointment next week with John Marshall Butler. This long, awaited, privilege was finally granted to him through the kind and wonderful efforts of our own Honorable Senator Edward T. Hall of Calverty County, Maryland, who feels my dear husband should be heard by someone who Mr. Hall believes is really interested in helping him.

So, dear Mr. Hoover, any help you can give us, or information that your office is permitted to give to just ordinary, Country-loving, Communist-hating people, like ourselves, would be most greatly and sincerely appreciated. May God help and bless you and grant His richest of wealth be yours in wisdom, understanding and strength, both physical and spiritual, in the great battle you and your enforcement agents are so sincerely engaged in. God bless you!

Sincerely yours,

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Mr. Shaw

March 24, 1960

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Dear [redacted]

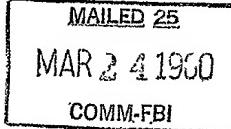
Your letter dated March 18, 1960, has been received and the interest which prompted your communication is indeed appreciated.

This Bureau has never issued any material on the subject matter you have requested. However, in an effort to be of assistance, I am enclosing some material available for general distribution by the FBI which may be of interest to you.

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

Enclosures (6)



1 - Cleveland

ATTENTION: SAC, CLEVELAND

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Bufiles contain no identifiable information concerning correspondent. Correspondent requested that he be furnished material which pertains to communist infiltration of religious groups.

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J. EDGAR HOOVER, F.B.I.  
U.S. JUSTICE DEPT. BLDG.,  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

PLEASE SEND MATERIAL WHICH TELLS ABOUT  
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TO : DIRECTOR (100-15877) 3/22/60  
 FROM : SAC, NEW YORK (100-8057) ~~Bluffing~~  
 SUBJECT:

EUGENE DENNIS  
IS - C; SA 1940; ISA 1950  
WEEKLY SUMMARY & CINAL  
OO - NEW YORK

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

COMMUNIST INFILTRATION INTO RELATION  
The following is a summary of DENNIS' activities for the  
period 3/14/60 through 3/20/60. Blurred  
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[redacted] reported on 3/14/60, DENNIS assumed the chairmanship of a meeting of the CP, USA Secretariat held on that date at CP headquarters, NYC. ~~(u)~~

The first item on the agenda was a discussion of the agenda for the forthcoming meeting of the National Committee in Chicago. GUS HALL suggested that DENNIS should give a report on the 1960 elections at the National Committee meeting. DENNIS declined, saying it would be too much of a physical strain on him and perhaps even the trip to Chicago itself would be a strain. ~~(u)~~

Later during a discussion of proposed candidates for the NEC, DENNIS proposed two alternatives: ~~(u)~~

1. Elect no NEC; or
2. Elect only a partial NEC

DENNIS subsequently remarked that all present except HY LUMER and himself were in favor of electing a full NEC. Continuing, DENNIS stated that he was in favor of having only fifteen for the NEC, while others proposed an NEC of approximately thirteen to eighteen. ~~(u)~~

[redacted] Details of the above meeting were furnished to the Bureau by airtel, 3/15/60, under the caption, "CP, USA - Organization; IS-C."

[redacted] reported on 3/15/60, reservations were made for DENNIS to travel to Chicago on 3/22/60, via American Airlines, Flight #901, returning to New York on 3/30/60. ~~(u)~~

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[redacted] reported on 3/15/60, DENNIS discussed the case of HENRY WINSTON with JOHN ABT. ~~(S)~~(U) b2

[redacted] reported on 3/16/60, DENNIS had been in attendance at a meeting of the CP, USA Secretariat and invited guests held on that date at CP headquarters, NYC. ~~(S)~~(U)

DENNIS said that certain leaders of the U.S. have turned against the spirit of Geneva and Camp David on peace and nuclear disarmament; Senators (JOHN) KENNEDY and (HUBERT H.) HUMPHREY are apt to be fickle and vacillating on the peace question, while ADLAI STEVENSON has a more consistent pro-peace position on the nuclear question; the center of things for the 1960 elections is the mass movements, alliances, and the building of independent organizations wherever possible; Party must stress more both on COPE (Committee on Political Education, AFL-CIO) and certain united labor committees; limited experience on West Coast, specifically San Francisco and Oregon, has shown the question of peace cannot be kept (supreme). ~~(S)~~(U)

DENNIS expressed opposition to running a Party Presidential ticket, as: 1. Diversionary to forces needed on other phases of work, and, 2. Because great difficulties are involved in getting Communist candidates on the ballot in certain states. DENNIS said that the Party has one Congressional candidate running from New York but he did not identify this individual. ~~(S)~~(U)

DENNIS later suggested that the entire question be presented to the forthcoming National Committee meeting and that the new NEC make the decision. He then proposed that the question of the makeup of the new NEC be taken up and "he would lock the doors of the room." ~~(S)~~(U)

DENNIS suggested that the Secretariat complete a list of 15 persons for the new NEC for whom there would be unanimity of the Secretariat. ~~(S)~~(U)

Later, during a discussion of the developments in the South, DENNIS commented that the main emphasis must be on what can be done to shape this movement countrywide. He said the approach in the South must be on broader terms than in the North, adding that in the North, the Party can concretely specify what it is going to do in labor, youth, church, and women's organizations. ~~(S)~~ [Signature]

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DENNIS said that if there is not more extensive support in the North, this movement in the South will not continue on its present path. ~~(S)(U)~~ ~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

[Details of the above meeting] were furnished to the Bureau by airtel, 3/17/60, under the caption, "CP, USA - Organization; IS-C." ~~(S)(U)~~

[redacted] reported on 3/18/60, DENNIS had been in attendance at a brief meeting held on that date at CP headquarters, NYC. ~~(S)(U)~~ b2

This meeting pertained to a further discussion of the election of the new NEC by the National Committee. ~~(S)(U)~~

BEN DAVIS listed various individuals (which informant believed were his choices for election to the NEC). Among those suggested by DAVIS was GENE (DENNIS?) ~~(S)(U)~~

[Details of the above meeting] were furnished to the Bureau by airtel, 3/18/60, under the caption, "CP, USA - Organization; IS-C." ~~(S)(U)~~

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : Mr. Mo...  
FROM : C. D. DeLoach

DATE: 1960

SUBJECT: COMMITTEE ON UN-AMERICAN ACTIVITIES  
AIR RESERVE CENTER TRAINING MANUAL  
2-25-60

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Reference is made to my previous memorandum dated February 25, 1960, captioned as above, which enclosed a copy of the opening statement by Honorable Francis E. Walter (D-Pa.), Chairman, Committee on Un-American Activities at the hearings on February 25, 1960, on the Air Reserve Center Training Manual.

*Communist infiltration into Religion*

There is now attached a copy of the printed hearing entitled Issues Presented By Air Reserve Center Training Manual issued by the Committee on Un-American Activities.

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ACTION:

That this memorandum and its enclosure be forwarded to the Domestic Intelligence Division.

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Enclosure

1 - Mr. Parsons (w/enclosure) 1 - Mr. Jones (w/enclosure)  
1 - Mr. Belmont (w/enclosure)  
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